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Lake School student contracts hepatitis A Child expected to recover fully

By Mike Heil
Staff writer

An "isolated" case of hepatitis A has been reported at Lake Elementary School in Granite City by the Madison County Health Department. The child infected is recovering and is expected to return to school soon, said Ron Stern, Granite City School District administrative assistant for

elementary education. Hepatitis A is a viral infection that is and is passed through human waste and can be spread through improper hygiene. With proper drugs, the virus can be easily cured in about two weeks and is rarely fatal. Symptoms include fatigue, poor appetite, fever, vomiting and jaundice. Once a person is infected with the virus, they are immune. Debra Tscheschlok, personnel health services manager from the Madison County Health Department,

said the department investigates each individual case. For Hepatitis A, she said that a gamma globulin shot is given to the infected person to help fight the virus. Tscheschlok said the health department informed Lake Principal Nancy Sanders about the child Feb. 16. She said information about the virus was given to the school and that health department personnel has been working with the school nurse to provide

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Tim Stephenson photo
Hope Clinic Executive Director Sally Burgess, standing, and medical secretary Deena Garner in the lobby of the clinic's new building.

Chamber begins cleanup campaign

By Mike Heil
Staff writer

The Tri-City Area Chamber of Commerce kicked off its 1999 Stash the Trash campaign with a new Adopt-A-Highway program. The program was introduced Thursday at a luncheon at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

TRI-CITIES
"Our main goal is to have people in the Tri-City

communities take pride in their areas by becoming involved with the Adopt-A-Highway program," said RC Bush, chamber executive director. The program will allow citizens to volunteer their time to clean up a two-mile section of a highway and to remove litter at least four times a year over two years. The program will be coordinated in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Transportation. At the luncheon,

community leaders from various businesses were awarded plaques for their involvement in 1998's campaign. The plaques were handed out by Granite City Mayor Ron Selph.

Bush, who spoke at the beginning of the luncheon, said he would like to have the arc-wide cleanup involve more residents, businesses and industry. He added that the

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Clinic moves to new facility

Hope Clinic serves about 7,000 women per year

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

For 25 years, the Hope Clinic For Women has provided what its supporters say is a much-needed service, but what opponents say ranges from a sin to genocide. Earlier this month, the clinic moved into a new 14,500-square-foot facility located next to the old building at 1602 21st St., Granite City. "Patients and staff just love it," said Executive Director Sally Burgess. "We've been doing this for 25 years, so we had a lot of

expertise to bring to the designing of the building. "It's really wonderful to start our next 25 years in a new building," she added. "We see patients from a 10-state area, and we believe we will be better able to meet their needs with the new building, which is designed specifically for what we do," said Burgess. "We think it's going to be a much better setup for the patients. The new building includes an "extensive"

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Museum overflowing with exhibits



Scott Cousins photo

New building will provide more space

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Madison County Historical Museum is packed with items donated by county residents over the years.

Ranging from books and furniture to old-fashioned Valentine's Day cards and clothes, the museum is full of exhibits.

Too full, in fact. The museum has been housed in the historic Weir House at 715 N. Main since 1964. Although a large house for the time it was built (1836), it does not have enough space to meet the museum's needs.

To obtain more space, the Madison County Historical Society recently purchased a new building at 801 N. Main.

When renovations are completed, the new building will have an auditorium, storage space and the museum's research rooms. "First there needs to be some renovation," said

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Love tossed off April ballot

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Rev. John Love will not be on the April 13 ballot for one of three seats in the Madison County District, but plans to campaign as a write-in candidate.

MADISON Without Love, the race officially becomes uncontested for three 4-year terms. However, Madison County Clerk Mark Von Nida confirmed Friday that Love has registered as a write-in candidate.

Love was thrown off the ballot Thursday after the School District's Electoral Board found he did not have enough signatures on his petitions.

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ATTEMPTED BREAK-IN: An attempted burglary was reported at about noon Thursday at the Metro-East Sanitary District pumping station on Bremer Avenue in Venice.

According to police, a MESD worker found that someone had attempted to pry open the door on the north side of the pumping station.

GAS LEAK: A man who was overcome by natural gas while talking to police was revived and pulled out of his house by Venice officers Thursday afternoon.

The man was treated and released at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

According to police, the victim called 911 at about 2:43 p.m. to report the smell of gas in his house in the 1100 block of Douglas. As he was talking with a dispatcher, the man apparently lost consciousness.

When a police officer arrived, he forced his way through the locked front door and found the victim laying in the front room of the house.

According to reports, the victim had no pulse or respiration, so the officer performed CPR and revived him, then pulled the man from the building.

Other officers at the scene said the man had apparently been using his stove to heat the house when the pilot light went out.

Officers said the man was

very lucky because when they arrived, a candle was burning in one of the rooms.

MADISON

DRUG POSSESSION: A Fairmont City man is facing possible drug charges after what police believe is crack cocaine was found in his car during a traffic stop.

John W. Adams, 33, of the 5400 block of Maryland, Fairmont City, was charged with having no rear registration light, driving on a suspended license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

Additional charges of possession of a controlled substance are pending lab analysis.

According to reports, an officer on patrol noticed a blue Dodge van stopped in the middle of the 1500 block of Market Street, a well-known and documented drug-purchasing area. The officer stopped the van after he noticed the rear registration light was out.

A record check revealed the suspended license and two pieces of suspected crack cocaine were discovered on the driver's seat.

GRANITE CITY

FORGERY: A Granite City woman allegedly forged checks Wednesday to an Edwardsville truck company.

According to Granite City

police, an employee of the company stopped by the police department after being notified by a Mercantile Bank employee about two checks written for \$2,840.

According to police, after they found the identity of the woman, she was taken into custody.

THEFT: A Granite City man was arrested Thursday near Palmer Avenue for allegedly taking items from a supermarket.

Gilbert Evans, 48, of 2407 Missouri, was arrested for felony retail theft, resisting a police officer, possession of a hypodermic syringe and a controlled substance. Drug charges are pending from the results of laboratory tests.

According to Granite City police, at about 11:51 p.m., the subject fled from Schnucks and jumped into a white Chrysler on Nameoki Road. An officer in an unmarked car who was in the vicinity followed the suspect to the Save-A-Lot, where he was assisted by two officers.

They pursued the suspect on foot to Pershing Road and into a backyard near Palmer Road. The officers surrounded the yard, finding the suspect in a shed.

According to police, after the suspect was arrested, he went into a seizure. Emergency personnel was dispatched, taking the suspect to St. Elizabeth Medical Center. A short time later, he was released into police custody.



Shirley Valencia photo

Very important visitor

The second-grade Girl Scout Brownie troop at Prather School had a very important visitor to their meeting recently — U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belleville. Presenting Costello with a memento of his visit is troop leader Janet Jones. Costello discussed his job with the Brownies.

Venice council passes ordinance restricting sex-oriented businesses 'Street talk' prompts panel's pre-emptive strike

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

An ordinance restricting massage and related sex-industry businesses was approved by the Venice City Council Tuesday.

VENICE

Mayor Tyrone Echols said the council began talking about the ordinance several weeks ago after rumors of those kinds of businesses coming into town started. "When rumors began, we just decided to get busy and get things in place," he said.

Echols said he knows of no such businesses in town at this time and said nobody has approached him about coming into the town.

However, neighboring Brooklyn has a thriving massage and sex-related business area, an area which has been in the news recently after Everette O. Baker, the former owner of the Fantasyland complex, was convicted of laundering millions of dollars in prostitution revenues through the business.

Baker's son, Edward Everette Johnson, 35, was sentenced to 2½ years in federal prison for his role in

the operation. Echols said the issue occasionally comes up in town — usually in the form of rumors. "At this point, it's nothing but street talk to me, but we felt we needed something on the books," he said.

said.

While it does not specifically ban the businesses, the ordinance sets training and other requirements for legitimate massage businesses.

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Parents protest after school board transfers GCHS teacher to Grigsby

By Mike Hail
Staff writer

Tensions have begun to flair between parents and Granite City School District administrators over the transfer of a teacher from Granite City High School to Grigsby Middle School.

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Cathy Riebold, who taught at the high school for 25 years, was notified by the district of the decision Feb. 9. She was told to report to Grigsby by Feb. 15.

Riebold was teaching fashion and vocational pre-school classes at GCHS. She is now teaching home economics at the middle school.

The transfer prompted a handful of parents to go to the

school board office Monday to voice their displeasure to Tom Holloway, the district's administrative assistant of secondary schools.

Monica Leon, who has two children in the vocational pre-school class, was one of the parents upset by the district's actions.

She said the parents were told by Holloway that he did not have the authority to divulge any information about the transfer because of district policy regarding personnel matters.

According to Leon, Holloway did say that if the parents had access to Riebold's file, they would not question the district's decision.

Rhonda Tippler, whose child also attended the vocational pre-school class, said that she thought the district was not

being fair because administrators have not given a solid reason about the transfer.

She said she tried to hand out fliers in support of Riebold to students at the high school, but was only able to hand out one before Assistant Principal Cindy Gaglich tried to grab them from her, saying she did not have permission to hand them out.

School administrators could not be reached regarding the correct policy in handling out materials.

Tippler and Leon said that they and other parents would attend the School Board meeting Feb. 23.

Granite City School Superintendent Steve Balen would not comment on Riebold's transfer.

Suit possible in Granite City Steel death

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

The death of an Edwardsville resident on an allegedly faulty conveyor belt at Granite City Steel may soon be the subject of a lawsuit.

A petition was filed Wednesday in Madison County Circuit Court by a lawyer representing Samuel Burch's wife, Pat. The filing seeks information about the identity of the manufacturer or supplier of parts for the No. 25 conveyor system.

Burch, 46, of the 100 block of Hollyhook Lane, was killed last April 5 while employed as a blast furnace shift manager at the steel mill. Authorities have said he was trying to repair a frozen conveyor belt at the iron-making ore field when the belt suddenly started running backward, pinning him against a steel support beam.

East Alton lawyer Jane Unsell said in her "petition for pre-suit discovery" that she wants court authorization to

get information from National Steel Corp., Granite City Division, and to be able to inspect the conveyor system at a mutually agreeable time.

"Petitioner has reason to

believe that No. 25 conveyor belt may have malfunctioned possibly (due) to a design or manufacturing defect," the filing states.

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By Curtiss A.
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A vote by the County Board to clarify rules on adult shops and businesses that sexually graph

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Board strengthens adult-shop ordinance

By Curtiss A. Hartley
Staff writer

A vote by the Madison County Board has strengthened an ordinance regulating businesses that deal with sexually graphic materials.

With only one "no" vote, the Madison County Board approved the ordinance Wednesday. It clarified rules and restrictions on adult shops in unincorporated areas of the county.

Board member Don Garrett, D-Madison, cast the opposing vote. "Garrett, a member of the Land Use Committee, asked the board if First Amendment issues were being overlooked. 'I'm not opposed to reviewing the matter,' Garrett said."

He asked if State's Attorney

Bill Haine had studied the resolution, "and does this apply only to the (unincorporated parts of the) county and not to cities?" "That's absolutely correct," Haine said.

Haine said the ordinance simply updated one the County Board passed Sept. 20, 1995. "There are really no substantive changes," he said. "It's just updating it to have it conform to recent court cases."

The ordinance contained specific rules for adult businesses, including requiring a special use permit, establishing a minimum distance they may locate from churches and schools; restricting specific sexual behaviors; limiting hours of operation; and prohibiting sales of adult-oriented materials to minors.

Haine said the ordinance only affects a couple of

businesses in the county.

"We're always trying to stay one step ahead of the courts to keep with the (U.S.) Constitution," Haine said. "There are no First Amendment issues involved."

The new ordinance will strengthen the county's rules for businesses that sell adult products.

"There were very few things changed, but the changes we've made make it less vulnerable to court challenges," said John McGuire of the State's Attorney's office.

Garrett expressed concern that some women in the county might be in violation of the new ordinance based simply on what they choose to wear.

"It talks about what parts of the body that can be shown, and with regard to the First

Amendment, it seems like under this section you could prohibit things like Playboy (magazine) and close public beaches and even some regular bars," he said.

"I've seen some women in short mini-skirts exposing some parts of their body that would be illegal," Garrett said. "The issue is whether or not women have the right to wear whatever (they) wanted without being arrested," he said.

Robert Stille, D-Edwardsville, Land Use Committee chairman, said that the committee had met three times with the State's Attorney to discuss these issues.

"Mr. Garrett missed all three meetings, and there's no reason to hash it all out again," Stille said.



John Swistak Jr. photo
The Soft Touch in unincorporated Edwardsville is one of two adult-oriented Madison County businesses targeted by the new ordinance passed by the Madison County Board.

Garrett introduces resolution honoring black man on historic expedition

By Curtiss A. Hartley
Staff writer

If Madison County Board member Don Garrett, D-Madison, has anything to say about it, the only black

man on the Lewis and Clark expedition will finally get his due.

Garrett Wednesday introduced a resolution to the County Board requesting that the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, which will construct and operate a federally-funded facility honoring the Lewis and Clark expedition, provide special space and recognition for York, the only non-white man on the journey. The board passed the resolution.

The multi-million dollar

facility is to be built on the shore of the Mississippi River off Illinois 3 near Wood River. It will include an interpretive center, trails and exhibits to honor the epic journey of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark.

York, a black slave, was the only black man on the expedition. Historic records show that he played a major role in the expedition, according to Garrett.

Garrett read for the board a letter from a constituent, R.L. Spillers of Edwardsville,

asking for the recognition for York and a Native American woman, Sacagewea.

Garrett asked the board, "to participate in American history, not just Black History Month," by passing the resolution. "This is the beginning of a long struggle to get this man some recognition," Garrett said.

The resolution refers to the significant contribution York and Sacagewea made to the expedition.

Sacagewea was married to a French Trapper named Toussaint Charbonneau, who was the expedition's guide. She would translate what the Indians said into French for her husband, who would then tell York. York was fluent in several languages and would translate the information for Lewis and Clark.

York was an experienced hunter and an expert in woodlore, according to historical records. He was also most probably the largest man in the group, at 6-foot-tall and weighing 200 pounds.

His size, color and curly hair

"(This is a chance) to participate in American history, not just Black History Month. This is the beginning of a long struggle to get this man (York, the only non-white on the Lewis and Clark expedition) some recognition."

Don Garrett
Madison County Board member

made him an attraction to the Indians because they had never seen a black man before. His trading with the Indians and enlisting their aid helped insure the success of the mission.

His slave status did not keep him from doing everything everyone else did. York helped defend the group from the Sioux, went hunting, killing a buffalo and many deer and helped paddle, push and drag the keelboats used to transport the party.

Madison County Clerk Mark Von Nida said that the next step is to send the resolution to

the Illinois Historic Preservation Society. "We will forward that to them, along with a letter from our board chairman to make that request," Von Nida said.

Arnold has been instrumental in this process, according to Von Nida, and helped to acquire the funding for the project. Arnold could not be reached for comment.

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You can learn much from the trials of life

Have you ever walked in the midst of a beautiful, lush forest—and suddenly come upon a stark rock quarry?

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A New You



Catherine Galasso

stone. As he diligently works, with strikes of chisel and hammer, great chunks drop to the floor in broken pieces. But after weeks, months and even years, the stone takes shape, and form becomes a masterpiece of beauty.

Out of difficulties come the opportunities for tremendous growth, wisdom and patience. Tough times can turn into strength of character, healing and deepening love. Learn from the pains of yesterday and forget the failures. No matter what mistakes you have made, God forgives and forgets.

A new life can begin for you today. The storms we experience certainly will not cease, but by the grace of God you can choose to rise above them. "No matter what comes my way I always keep my faith and I never give up," writes reader Lena Consiglio.

If you had a child to raise into mature adulthood, with fine character and full of wisdom, would you let the child have its way all the time? Would you let that child eat candy for every meal because it tasted good? Would you let that child play all the time because it's fun?

Not if you really loved that child. Remember, God is a Father, and He allows hard times to come into our lives for the same reason we make our children eat vegetables, clean their rooms and do their chores. Character is not a gift, it is a victory. He has a purpose in allowing these things.

We can't run away if something happens that throws us. Take a deep breath and try to understand the reason God allowed it. Let us get to the place where no one or nothing can offend us. Things are going to happen to us in our lives all along the way. We must not act rashly. If we pause and think, perhaps we can see the good to come out of the situation.

Sometimes things seem so dark and we don't see what God is doing. No matter the circumstance, let the word of God work in you, for He said, "All things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose."

You have seen with your eyes the works of the greatest Artist painted over the sky at sunset. Respect Him as He allows the chisel and hammer to deliver its blows upon your life.

Don't hang your head down staring at the broken pieces. Lift up your eyes to Him. Thank God at every opportunity, for when you put your faith completely in Him, He will take care of your needs more wonderfully than you could ever ask.

Trust in God's goodness and follow where He leads. For if you wait in love and patience and let Him have His way with you, one day you will know that you yourself have become His masterpiece, an object of grace, beauty and love—a reflection of the Master Himself.

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We want death penalty, but only if it's fair

Recent events may shake up capital punishment in Illinois

Most state legislators, like most of their constituents support the death penalty.

The consensus in our society is that the death penalty is needed, and you won't find many politicians who are willing to go up against such a widely held belief.

It's what is known as an "80 percent." When an issue is supported (or opposed) by 80 percent of the populace, then it becomes something the figures into how people vote. If you are on the wrong side of an 80 percent, like imposing the death penalty or saving Social Security, then you are much less likely to be elected.

For the most part, people spend very little time deciding which candidates to vote for, so they use these touchstone issues to quickly weed out the undesirables.

It's no surprise, then, that politicians are not naturally inclined to make life easier for death row inmates. But now recently, three death row inmates were found to be innocent of the crimes that had put them on death row. It's sparked outcries to reform the system.

Just months after Rolando Cruz and Alejandro Hernandez were found to have been wrongfully condemned to die,



Rich Miller

Gov. George Ryan's first reaction was to dismiss the outcry for reform. His spokesman said the system had worked fine, even though Anthony Porter was released after serving 17 years for a crime he didn't commit and came within 48 hours of being executed. End of story, move on.

But Americans generally support fairness, and polls have been shown that a majority of them worry about people being mistakenly executed (58 percent in a 1993 poll that was conducted by a Republican polling firm).

The complete absurdity of his spokesman's comments apparently struck Ryan. The governor agreed to convene a

summit on the death by penalty and even review all the death row cases that are out there now before more executions are carried out—a de-facto moratorium.

Don't expect Ryan or anyone else to go too far, however. Ryan and most of the General Assembly still support the death penalty and they believe that the public does as well.

And they also worry what could happen if they loosen things up too much and accidentally create a backlash if an awful murderer somehow escapes the noose.

On some level, though, they have to identify with people like Anthony Porter and Rolando Cruz. Politicians these days know all too well what it's like to be targeted by overzealous prosecutors who will do almost anything to win convictions. And I'm not just talking about the president's predicament.

Illinois legislators don't have to look far to see a prime example of this in their own ranks. Not long before Porter was released, former state Rep. Miguel Santiago (D-Chicago) was found innocent in a federal corruption trial after spending thousands of dollars on his defense and losing his reputation.

Lots of legislators from both political parties attended Santiago's victory party in Springfield, and they all raised their glasses to toast his triumph, many with chills running up their spines for fear that they could be next on the hit list.

There are polls that suggest our support for the death

penalty isn't as strong as the media and the politicians generally have us believe. A survey taken in 1993 by The Terrance Group, a Republican polling firm, found that support for capital punishment dropped from 77 percent down to 41 percent when people were given the option of choosing life sentences without parole plus restitution. A Gallup poll found similar results.

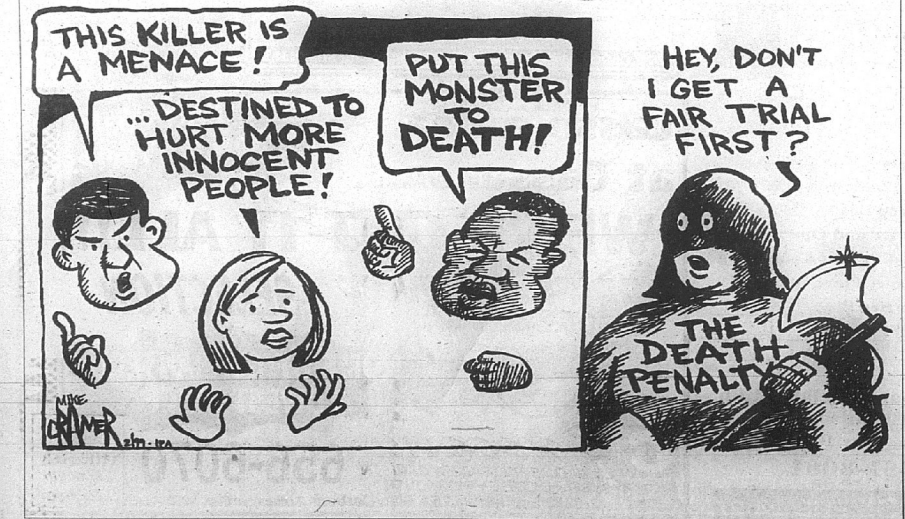
But, again, most legislators were elected on pro-death penalty platforms, and the vast majority are true believers. So very few, if any, will take the radical step of renouncing their former positions.

However, since even the conservative Senate Republicans are showing a willingness to work on the issue, we'll probably see some significant, but not huge, reforms in the death penalty law this spring.

Attorney General Jim Ryan's plan for more money for public defenders is probably the best bet for passage because it's reasonable enough to be accepted by both sides. Ryan's history as a former state's attorney who oversaw the conviction and sentencing of both Cruz and Hernandez also gives him some ironic credibility on the issue.

Don't kid yourself, though that the death penalty will be abolished in the legislature.

The death penalty is a numbers game. And the numbers just aren't there for getting rid of capital punishment.



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Obituaries

Alpha Climer

ALPHA V. CLIMER, 85, of Granite City, died Thursday, Feb. 11, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mrs. Climer was born Nov. 9, 1913, in Phelps County, Mo. She was a housewife and a member of the Faith Class and Word of Life Tabernacle.

Survivors include her sons, Eugene Martin and John Pellazari Jr., both Granite City; three daughters, Geraldine Nelson, Glenda Cohen and Judy Perryman, all of Granite City; one sister, Ruby Weber of Granite City; 26 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Climer; her parents, Henry and Clara (Brooks) Kohansky; three daughters, Louise McClelland, Shirley Turner and one Holman; one sister, Zelma Grisham; and two brothers, Orville Kohansky and Varnum Grisham.

Services were held Tuesday, Feb. 16, at Werner Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Henry Crippen officiating. Burial was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Mildred Feihling

MILDRED V. (MAIT) FEIHLING, 89, of Granite City, died Feb. 18, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mrs. Feihling was born Feb. 6, 1910, in Greenfield. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Peter Evangelical United Church of Christ and the Elks.

Survivors include her brother, Jack Hart of St. Louis; one sister, Helen Serth of Freeburg; and one sister-in-law, Ruby Hart of Granite City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lester Feihling; her parents, Olin and Hattie (Short) Hart; and one brother, Keith Hart.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, at the funeral home with the Rev. Rose Harmonat officiating. Burial will be in St. John

Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials may be made to St. Peter Evangelical United Church of Christ.

Georgia Harlow

GEORGIA E. (WATKINS) HARLOW, 85, of N. Fort Meyers, Fla., formerly of Granite City, died Thursday, Feb. 18, 1999, in N. Fort Meyers, Fla.

Mrs. Harlow was born March 22, 1913, in Kennett, Mo. She was the retired co-owner of Supreme Appliances and was a member of Suburban Baptist Church and was treasurer of St. Elizabeth Nurses Alumni Association, Elletts Business Women's Association and Minerva Reading Club in Granite City, and past president of the Mothers Club and chairman of the Cancer Drive in Madison, Fla. She was a member of the 850 Boosters Club of the Shriners.

Survivors include her daughters, Mrs. Ronald Lybarger of Ft. Myers, Fla., and Mrs. Bogle Redmon of Collinsville; one brother, Van Watkins of Granite City; three grandchildren, Lynette Seattle, Ronald Lybarger Jr. and Kai Redmon; and one great-grandchild, Ashley Lybarger.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Harlow; her parents, George and Mary Watkins; and three brothers, Bill Watkins, Bob Watkins and Jake Watkins.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at Irwin Chapel, 3950 Maryville Road, Granite City. Services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, at the funeral home, with the Rev. Ron Zankus officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to Suburban Baptist Church or Hope Hospice, Ashby Square, 1200 Oak Prado Blvd., South Cape Coral, Fla., 33990.

Anna Kuzma

ANNA M. (ECK) KUZMA, 83, of Granite City, died Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1999, at Colonial Care Center in Granite City.

Mrs. Kuzma was born Aug. 5, 1915, in Fredericktown, Mo. She was a homemaker and a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and Women of the Moose.

Survivors include her sons, George Kuzma of Granite City and Milton Kuzma of Atlanta; one brother, Charles Eck of Ballston, N.Y.; one sister, Helen Silfka of Des Moines, Iowa; four grandchildren;

and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George W. Kuzma; her parents, John and Ann (Skolak) Eck; and six brothers, Tony, John, Nick, George, Steve and Robert Eck.

Services were held Saturday, Feb. 20, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Davis Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Emil Strotheide
EMIL S. STROTHEIDE, 81, of Ocala, Fla., formerly of Granite City, died Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1999, at his residence.

Mr. Strotheide was born in New Baden. He attended McKendree College on a basketball scholarship and was a licensed ham radio operator. He went to work for Granite City Steel Company in 1941 and retired as Superintendent of Maintenance at the North Plant in 1975.

Survivors include his son, Dr. E.L. Strotheide of Granite City; two daughters, Kathleen Harris of Ocala, Fla., and Phyllis Culpepper of Lincoln, W.Va.; seven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He died of a heart attack by his wife, Loretta Strotheide.

Memorials may be made to Logan Cemetery, 1851 Schroetter Road, St. Louis, Mo., 63071.

Marvin E. Wallace
MARVIN E. WALLACE, 59, of Benid, formerly of Granite City, died Thursday, Feb. 18, 1999, in Benid.

Mr. Wallace was born Aug. 3, 1939, in Granite City. He was a cut-off operator at Georgia Pacific in Mt. Olive.

Survivors include his wife, Diana (Partidge) Wallace, whom he married Feb. 14, 1973; his mother, Mary (Powers) Wallace Percy of Granite City; two daughters, Walter Wallace of Vandalia and Jason Wallace of Benid; two daughters, Dana Young of Moberly, Iowa, and Jody Root of Gillespie; two brothers, Garry Wallace of Gunning, Ga., and William Percy Jr. of Granite City; two sisters, Margaret Hileman of Desoto, Mo., and one sister, Virginia of Granite City; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Walter Wallace; and one son, Marvin Wallace Jr.

Services will be held at 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, at Kravanya Funeral Home in Gillespie. The remains were cremated.

Edwardsville discusses Wildey option

By Steve Whitworth
Staff writer

The Edwardsville City Council is trying to determine whether the six-month option on the historic Wildey Theater should be extended.

Council members were to tour the theater this weekend during a closed executive session on land acquisition.

dealing with the future of the option.

The council went into executive session after its regular meeting Tuesday night.

City Clerk Nina Baird issued a notice Wednesday that the executive session would reconvene at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Wildey, 252 N. Main St.

Last November, the city

assigned a six-month option on the Wildey to The Alliance of Edwardsville & Glen Carbon as part of an effort to sell the building to a private developer.

The option expires May 1, and Mayor Gary Niebur said Wednesday that the issue of land acquisition in the executive session deals with the discussion of the future of that option.

"The council will discuss if that's a reasonable time frame or if it needs to be extended," he said.

He said the special session will give council members an opportunity to tour the building, which some of them haven't done.

The Wildey's owners, Frans and Marie VanBalkom, have told their representative, Larry Pugh, to provide the council members with access to the building.

The option cost the city \$10,000, which the city paid to the VanBalkoms. The owners are barred from selling, transferring or making any other arrangements for the property while the option is in effect.

At the time the option was bought by the city, Niebur said the city had entered into an agreement with The Alliance "to start the process of actively promoting and accepting proposals for the redevelopment of the Wildey."

The city approved an agreement assigning the option to The Alliance specifically for the purpose of having the public-private not-for-profit corporation serve as the agent or facilitator for the project and to secure proposals for developers.

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Hope Clinic moves

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security system, four operating rooms, 12 counseling offices, private counseling and recovery areas for patients and a smokers lounge for patients and visitors.

"It's beautiful, it's really a gorgeous building," Burgess said. "It's very modern and airy, it's just really very nice."

She said she believed the original clinic — opened in 1974 — was a grocery store.

Demolition on that building began last week.

A private opening ceremony has been planned for later this month, but the date was not made public for security reasons.

Burgess said that with the current political climate, security is "vital" for the clinic.

"We got some recommendations from the security specialists from the National Abortion Federation and talked to our colleagues around the country about what works for them," she said.

Security measures include armed guards, surveillance cameras and bulletproof glass.

She said they also have other "surprises."

"Unfortunately, we have to have it, and we can't talk about it as freely as we like," she said.

Since opening in 1974, the clinic has performed more than 100,000 first- and second-trimester abortions. The clinic serves about 7,000 patients per year.

In that time, the clinic has also been extremely controversial and has attracted its share of violence and confrontation.

In the early 1980s, the clinic was firebombed, and in 1982, the clinic's owner, Hector Zevallos and his then-wife Rosalie Jean Zevallos, were kidnapped by anti-abortion activists under the name of the "Army of God."

The couple was later released unharmed. Don Benny Anderson, Matthew M. Moore and his brother, Wayne A. Moore, all of Texas, were convicted on charges of interfering with interstate commerce stemming from the kidnapping.

Operation Rescue mounted a large-scale operation at the site in the late 1980s, and in 1994, the American Coalition of Life Activists staged large protests.

In between, Burgess said they deal with "bomb threats, death threats and there are pickets on the weekends."

She said protests have picked up in recent weeks.

"It does seem that the new building has created a desire for them to come back out," she said. "It was fairly quiet for several months."

Most of the protests are peaceful, if not quiet.

"We have some who just stand outside the building and just yell," Burgess said.

"It can be very upsetting for the patients, but they're not physically harming anyone."

"I expect they will continue as they have the last few weeks, that's been heavier than what we have had," she said.

Despite the threats, she said the clinic is committed to providing its service.

"We're thrilled to be able to offer this kind of experience for our patients," she said of the new building. "We believe they deserve to be taken care of in a nice medical facility."

Museum will get additional space

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Suzanne Dietrich, a member of the museum's board of directors.

She said the cost has not been determined, and no schedule has been set yet, but the renovations will probably be completed over a one- or two-year period.

Dietrich said two of the biggest needs for the museum are an auditorium and storage space.

"Because our mission is education, we hope that we can better serve by building auditorium space," she said.

When finished, the auditorium should be able to seat at least 40 people. At present, it would be difficult to fit that many into the entire museum.

At present, most of the first floor of the museum is devoted to exhibit space, with a small office in the back.

The second and third floors contain more exhibits, while research 5 rooms are on the second floor.

Most of the exhibits take the form of display cases furnished in period style. Most of those pieces were donated by county residents.

"The people of Madison County have been very generous in giving memorabilia," Dietrich said.

Museum Superintendent Anna Symanski said the staff is currently working with a man who wants to donate his great-grandfather's furniture to the museum. The man is from Connecticut, while the furniture is being stored in California.

"But the furniture was made in Madison County; that's the key," Symanski said.

The museum also has special exhibits throughout the year. The museum's hours are 9

Tri-Cities Chamber launches areawide litter cleanup drive

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chamber would like to get residents to participate in programs that would enhance the appearance of parks and other public areas in the community.

Jill Shaw of the Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College was one of about 50 people who attended the luncheon. She said that if people would institute cleanup

programs in their communities, there would be more pride and respectability in them.

She also said an atmosphere would be created in which people who visit the communities would have a positive outlook about them, its residents and community leaders.

Jeanie Gentry, director of career services at Sanford-Brown College, addressed the luncheon's organizers. She said that she

appreciates the chamber working with the college to place students from Granite City into the workforce there.

"We would like to have as many students as we can working in Granite City," Gentry said. "It will be good for the community as well as the college."

The 1999 Stash the Trash campaign will officially start April 17 at Wilson Park. The cleanup will be followed by a park picnic for those who participated.

Groups and those associated with them in 1998's campaign include: Charles Melvin Price Support Group — Harold Empert, Mark Pacette, Tonya Prestage and Melissa Stewart; GCC — Jill Shaw; CVM Reality — Barbara Wyatt-Yust and Jeanette Holder; Head Start — Becky Wingerter; McDonald's — Loretta Harmon; Madison County Probation Department — Mark Hatcher and Herb Clay; Schnucks — Bernie Geraci; and Shop 'N' Save.

Love thrown off April ballot

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The objection was filed by School Board President Sharon Cass, who is also up for re-election. The other two candidates are incumbent Jos Garcia and newcomer Linda Becker.

In her objection, Cass said Love made several technical errors, specifically that many of the people who signed his petitions were either not registered to vote or registered at a different address from where they are living now.

The Electoral Board — School Board members Carol Hamm, James Newsome and Jeff Bridick — met at the Madison County Courthouse in Edwardsville.

The original hearing was held Feb. 11, but was recessed so the board could confirm the minimum number of signatures necessary on nominating petitions.

Board attorney John Papa said 50 signatures were necessary. Love had originally obtained 60, but 17 were ruled invalid because they were either not registered voters, didn't live in the school district or were registered at a different address from where they signed on the petitions.

"I see the handwriting on the wall," Love said after the decision was announced. "I hope everybody sees the handwriting on the wall."

"You did what you all had to do, I'll do what I have to do," he said.

While the Electoral Board was reaching its decision, Love said having him thrown off the ballot was a political ploy by Madison officials.

Local storytellers perform March 7

The Riverwind Storytellers will share stories for the entire family from 1 to 3 p.m. March 7 in Dooley Center at the

Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville. Guest storytellers will be Mary Hamilton and Cynthia Changaris.

The storytelling company from St. Louis will interweave humorous, literary and musical folklore.

Student contracts hepatitis A

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concerned parent with the information they request.

Sanders said that some parents have called to inquire about what to do if their child is infected with the virus. She said the school has sent parents copies of the information packets.

Stern said the district is doing everything it can to make sure the virus does not spread. He said that students at Lake School have been given a shot to immunize them.

He also said that the school is strictly enforcing a policy in which students are told not to distribute unwrapped food to other students.

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Horoscope

SUNDAY, FEB. 21
As our love planet Venus transits into the most childish arena of Aries, it will be easy to be impatient, unreasonable, aggressive and downright greedy when it comes to matters of the heart. The good news is, you'll know where your lover stands. Demands flow in over the next few weeks, and each should be dealt with as calmly as possible.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY
(Feb. 21). Tables turn your way in romance this year. Show your ability to handle numerous situations with humor and resourcefulness to a powerful person, and you'll be making huge money by July. Timing and intuition are right on target through March. Material gain comes in May if you're subtle and meticulous. An Aries or Virgo will make an excellent long-term romantic match.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Become a person you admire. Salespeople may try and put one over on you, but

you won't budge. Reconcile with an eccentric relative who misses you. You'll fall in love with a person you meet at a charity event.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You encourage friends to do the very things you would like to do. Take your own advice instead of wasting time trying to persuade others. Work late tonight. A grieving friend will spend a few days at your place.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You love to put on a happy face no matter what, but you deserve more honesty in your life. Let these around you know how you are feeling. You may start a dialogue that needed to be opened long ago.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What is labored is probably not on the right track anyhow. Money you lost in a business venture will be recovered shortly. Though you'd like someone to take over duties, you are the most qualified person for the job.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Many of the changes you have experienced of late will have far-reaching consequences. You are laying the groundwork for new insights. Others may benefit from your experiences.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You enjoy toying with people sometimes, but now, it will be better to show a little mercy. An attractive person is waiting for you to make the first move. Drawing boundaries will make you seem more in demand.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your mate will prepare a pleasant surprise for you in the coming days. You can

fix anything. If your date gets too inquisitive for your taste, say so. Why not be the first to cave in on a trivial matter? You have no reason to be jealous.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Work on boosting your self-worth. Love is exciting when you don't quite know how someone will react. Magazines have insights that will make you money. Don't make new additions in your home for the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Needless self-criticism must stop. Your diet improves when you concentrate on gaining energy, not cutting calories. You'll have a crush on a new friend's mate. Control that feeling, and look for a more suitable partner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's an idyllic day for relaxing with the one you love or meeting someone intriguing. Discuss your career options with family. Outgoing types are drawn to you. If you go to the trouble of doing something, do it in a big way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Today's social scenario is even more perfect than you hoped. You make an indelible mark on someone who believed in you all along. You'll realize that certain tasks are easier now than you believed in you all along. You'll realize that certain tasks are easier now than you believed in you all along.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Scale down your original blueprint to fit your current financial picture. Seize any opportunity to publicize your work. Time is on your side, and you have the chance to be quite productive.

Movie schedules

—Film timetable for Sunday, Feb. 21. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

CARMIKE PETITE
172 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, Ill. 644-1708
Payback (R) 2:05, 4:15, 7:20, 9:35
Blast From The Past (PG-13) 2:00, 4:25, 7:05, 9:25
My Favorite Martian (PG) 2:15, 4:20, 7:10, 9:20
Stepmom (PG-13) 2:10, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

EASTGATE CINE
Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton, Ill. 254-5289
Payback (R) 1:50, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
She's All That (PG-13) 1:30, 4:00, 6:40
Message In A Bottle (PG-13) 1:20, 4:10, 7:20, 9:30
My Favorite Martian (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 6:50
Blast From The Past (PG-13) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00
Shakespeare In Love (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:30

COTTONWOOD EDWARDS-
Edwardsville, Ill. 656-4390
A Bug's Life (G) 2:15, 7:00
Payback (PG-13) 2:00, 6:45
A Civil Action (PG-13) 2:30, 7:15

ESQUIRE CINE
6706 Clayton Road, 781-3300
Prince Of Egypt (PG) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30
Thin Red Line (R) 8:00
Office Space (R) 1:10, 3:20, 5:45, 7:55, 10:10
Message In A Bottle (PG-13) 1:40, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
Payback (R) 2:00, 5:00, 7:40, 10:05
Rushmore (R) 1:20, 3:25, 5:40, 7:45, 9:50
Saving Private Ryan (R) 1:30, 4:55, 8:15
She's All That (PG-13) 1:50, 5:20, 7:35, 9:55

HI-POINTE
1001 McCausland, 781-0600
Waking Ned Devine (PG) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30

LINCOLN THEATER
103 E. Alton, Belleville, Ill. 233-0123
Mighty Joe Young (PG) 1:30, 7:00, 9:20
The Waterboy (PG-13) 7:05
Jack Frost (PG) 9:05

The Rugrats Movie (G) 2:00, 7:10
Enemy Of The State (R) 9:00

NAMEOKI CINEMA
39 Nameoki Village, 577-6630
Stepmom (PG-13) 2:00, 7:00
Patch Adams (PG-13) 2:15, 6:45

O'FALLON 15 CINE
1220 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, Ill. 822-4900
A Simple Plan (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50
A Bug's Life (G) 1:20, 3:30, 5:30
At First Sight (PG-13) 7:45
Rushmore (R) 1:05, 3:05, 5:10, 7:15, 9:30
October Sky (PG) 1:45, 4:25, 7:05, 9:35
Prince Of Egypt (PG) 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00
Stepmom (PG-13) 2:15, 5:00, 8:05
Thin Red Line (R) 1:15, 4:45, 8:15
Payback (R) 1:15, 3:25, 5:45, 8:05
Payback (PG-13) 2:00, 5:00, 7:45, 9:35
My Favorite Martian (PG) 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40
She's All That (PG-13) 1:50, 4:45, 7:10, 9:25
Message In A Bottle (PG-13) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45
Message In A Bottle (PG-13) 2:15, 5:10, 8:10
Shakespeare In Love (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 9:40
You've Got Mail (PG) 3:00, 5:35, 8:10

QUAD CINEMA
Belleville, Ill. 233-1220
Payback (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00
Thin Red Line (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
My Favorite Martian (PG) 1:45, 4:20, 6:45, 9:00
She's All That (PG-13) 2:15, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40

ROXANA CINE THEATER
Roxana, Ill. 254-6746
The Prince Of Egypt (PG) 2:00, 7:00
ST. CLAIR 10
50 Ludwig Drive, 398-8383
The Faculty (R) 1:40, 4:45, 7:20, 9:30
Blast From The Past (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Blast From The Past (PG-13) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:00
Office Space (R) 1:30, 4:05, 7:25, 9:35
A Civil Action (PG-13) 1:35, 4:25, 7:15, 10:15
Varsity Blues (R) 1:20, 4:30, 7:05, 9:25
Patch Adams (PG-13) 2:30, 5:15,

8:15
Jawbreaker (R) 1:45, 4:15, 7:30, 9:50
Elizabeth (R) 1:25, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Saving Private Ryan (R) 1:10, 4:50, 8:20

SHADY OAK CINE
Fourth and Hanley Road, 727-2319
Shakespeare In Love (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15

SHOWCASE 12 EDWARDSVILLE
6631 Center Grove Rd., 659-7469
Payback (R) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
Message In A Bottle (PG-13) 12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50
Elizabeth (R) 2:00, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15
Office Space (R) 2:40, 5:10, 7:45, 10:05
My Favorite Martian (PG) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:30
Blast From The Past (PG-13) 1:10, 4:00, 6:40, 9:20
Shakespeare In Love (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:55
Saving Private Ryan (R) 1:00, 4:40, 8:10
Patch Adams (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45
Rushmore (R) 1:50, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
October Sky (PG) 1:40, 4:40, 6:45, 9:15
She's All That (PG-13) 2:20, 5:20, 7:50, 10:10

UNION STATION CINEMA
Union Station, 241-4444
Blast From The Past (PG-13) 1:00, 3:30, 6:30
A Bug's Life (G) 12:30, 2:45
Enemy Of The State (R) 6:30
Office Space (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15
She's All That (PG-13) 12:45, 3:45, 6:45
Prince Of Egypt (PG) 1:15, 3:45
The Faculty (R) 7:15
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The Riverwind Storytellers will share stories for the entire family from 1 to 3 p.m. March 7 in Dooey Center at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville.

Guest storytellers will be Mary Hamilton and Cynthia Changaris.

The storytelling company from St. Louis will interweave humorous, literary and musical folklore for an afternoon of family entertainment.

The group of storytellers meets monthly. Once a year members gather storytellers from the Midwest to participate in a workshop.

For more information, call June Bricker at 397-6700, Ext. 6205.

Cyclist will present program

The tales of cross-country cyclist Gene Kufskie will fill the air at 7 p.m. March 3 when Belleville Area College's Programs and Services for Older Persons Bicycle Club meets in the Church Community Room, 201 N. Church St., Belleville.

Kufskie traveled 3,421 miles in 37 days to help the American Lung Association raise awareness and funds. The avid cyclist raised more than \$8,100 for the charity.

He was one of more than 700

riders to set out from Seattle on June 15 bound for Washington, D.C. Kufskie and 74 other riders completed the ride Aug. 1.

Individuals will hear tales of life on the road, including struggles with injuries, people's reactions along the way and the benefits and challenges of Kufskie's cross-country journey.

The cost of the program is \$3. Reservations are required for the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

The PSOP Bicycle Club caters to individuals with a love of the outdoors and an interest in bicycling local trails with fellow cyclists.

For more information about the club or to reserve your spot for Kufskie's presentation, contact Phyllis Schallenbrand at (618) 234-4410, extension 7030.

After-Christmas sale slated for Tuesday

Home organizers say that if you haven't used an item within the past year, it's a good indication that you can do without it.

Others have said one man's trash is another man's treasures.

The two sayings will merge Tuesday at Belleville Area College's Programs and Services for Older Persons After-Christmas Sale. The sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Caseyville Township Center, 1001 Bunkum Road, Fairview Heights.

Organizers are asking for donations of items for the sale. So, if you received a Christmas gift you do not need or want, or if you have household items that no longer have a place in your home, pack them up and bring them to the Caseyville Township Center or PSOP, 201 N. Church St., Belleville, in advance of the sale.

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Easter Egg Hunt

McDonald wins Fort Myers trip in Journals classified contest

Keith McDonald won a trip for two, including air fare and accommodations, to Fort Myers, Fla., as the grand prize in the Suburban Journals' Colossal Classifieds contest. Winners of tickets for four people to Champions on Ice included Lucy Adkinson, Mary Bakke, Mary Berry, Jean Broadhacker, Barbara Buchanan, Pamela Colson, James Cope, Scott Epstein, Diane Forte, Sheila Griffith, Kathryn Griggs, Roy Johansen, Michelle Judd, Eloise Leonard, Jack Orwig, Rebecca Orzel, Nenna Polch, Ruth Proft, Louise Reeves, Jim Ross.

Ray Sabol, Carol Schmitz, Philomena Skrob, Kim Stillman and Gladys Wyas.

Several people won \$25 gift certificates to Crestwood Plaza, including Sherry Aiken, Dottie Andrews, Carol Armes, Dottie Bertolino, Richard Clouser, L.J. Cohen, Beth Cook, Grace Hierckes, Nancy Hargis, Don Herdt, James Merz, Barbara Mikstieck, Edie Permuter, Sharon Rice, Mildred Robbins, Naomi Runtz, Diana Sanders, Cynthia Smith, Joyce Timko, Ethel Tipton.

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Those who won Champions on Ice T-shirts were Rosemarie Ballance, Sadie Capehart, Harry Carpenter, Victoria Conley, B. Divincen,

Elaine Eher, Patsy Evans, Carmen Gasser, Jackie Geir, Edie Hegg.

Beverly Jones, Linda Kornfeld, Joe Kube, William Mayor, Linda Mersman, Doris Oliver, Kevin Redhage, Patsy Rubenstein, Annette Sendelbach, Ruben Shenberg, Lynn Summa, Karen Van Berkel, Jane Wild, James Wyas and Doris Zigler.

Winners of free ice cream from Schnucks Markets included Mike Baladenski, Cheryl Balke, Winnie Bateman, Brian Begley, Hazel Bisby, Cyrus Bode, Leona Bollinger, I. Bosch, Laurie Boschert, Rose Bourisaw, Elizabeth Breckenridge, Denise Brown, Keith Brown, Debora Busch, Kathie Butler,

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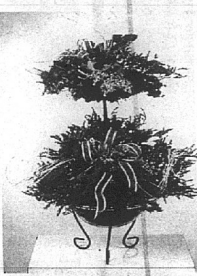
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Step 3 Make a loopy bow using 2 yards of narrow ribbon. Wire bow to secure, trim wire and glue into arrangement.

Step 4 Fluff and trim curly tingling into small bunches (approximately 12" to 14" long). Floral tape ends together and insert 2 bunches into arrangement extending out from either side of the bow.

Looking for a great way to pass the time during these winter days? We have a great idea for you just that, and you'll end up creating a magnificent home decor piece in the process. It's our dried topiary arrangement.

All the materials you'll need for this beautiful creation are at Frank's. And here's how to do it.

Materials needed:

- 8 1/2" glass potpourri bowl on wire stand • 1 bunch ea. German statice (your choice of colors) • 1 bunch Static sinuata (your choice of colors) • 1/4 bunch curly tingling • 1 bolt 5/8" narrow sheer ribbon in light pink • 1 medium pink/purple mushroom bird • 1 package green sheet moss • 12" • 15" stained dowel or stick • 1 brick (4"x4"x8") floral foam • Scissors • Wire cutters • Floral pins or wire • Narrow masking tape • Glue gun and glue

Step 1 Cut foam 6" tall to fit into glass container so it extends 3" taller than top of glass. Apply glue on the bottom of foam block and secure in glass container with 2 pieces of masking tape applied in an "X" over the foam and extended slightly over the sides of the container. Cover foam on sides and top with green sheet moss. Secure moss with floral pins or 3" • 4" wire pieces bent into "U" shaped pins.

Step 2 Break or cut German statice into small pieces. Insert static into moss covered foam that is in the bowl.

Step 5 Insert dowel into center of foam in glass bowl and glue to secure. Cut remaining piece of foam into a 1 1/2" high block. Round the corners of the block to form a disk shape. Insert the top of the dowel into the center of this disk, and glue to secure. Cover foam with moss. Use floral pins or wire shaped "U" pins to secure moss to foam.

Step 6 Break or cut small sprigs of German statice and insert into foam disk at top of topiary. Trim stem ends on assorted colors of static sinuata and insert into moss covered disk covering the sides and back. Place remaining bunch of curly tingling into the center of the disk arrangement.

Step 7 Make small loopy bow using approximately 1 yard of ribbon and secure with wire. Trim wire, and glue into disk arrangement. Add a small clump of Australian daisies and the mushroom bird to top arrangement and glue to secure.

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School menus

Week of Feb. 22-26

Granite City Public Schools

MONDAY, Feb. 22 —
Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, pear halves, milk; Lunch: Pizza, whole kernel corn, cinnamon apple slices, milk.

TUESDAY, Feb. 23 —
Breakfast: Blueberry square, banana, milk; Lunch: Grilled chicken patty on a whole wheat bun with lettuce and tomato, green beans, orange Jell-o with diced pears, milk.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 24 —
Breakfast: Cereal, toast and jelly, raisins, milk; Lunch: Von Mazetta, tossed salad with light dressing, garlic cheese bread, peach cobbler, milk.

THURSDAY, Feb. 25 —
Breakfast: Sausage patty, biscuit and jelly, churros, milk; Lunch: Sloppy Joe on bun with pickles, potato rounds, apple wedges, milk.

FRIDAY, Feb. 26 —
Breakfast: Waffles with syrup, blueberries, milk; Lunch: Fish nuggets, macaroni cheese, peas, slice bread, apricots, milk.

Madison Public Schools

MONDAY, Feb. 22 —
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, crackers, peaches, pizza, milk.

TUESDAY, Feb. 23 —
Breakfast: Danish, milk; Lunch: Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes, green beans, pudding, bread, ham sandwich, milk.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 24 —
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chicken and dumplings, cole slaw, fruit gelatin, rolls, cheeseburger, milk.

THURSDAY, Feb. 25 —
Breakfast: Pop Tarts, milk; Lunch: Spaghetti and meat

balls, French bread, tossed salad, salad dressing, applesauce, nachos, milk.

FRIDAY, Feb. 26 —
Breakfast: French toast sticks, milk; Lunch: Beef burrito, lettuce and tomato, corn, cherry cobbler, Sloppy Joes, milk.

St. Elizabeth School

MONDAY, Feb. 22 — Lunch: Hot ham and cheese on bun, carrot sticks, pretzels, banana, milk.

TUESDAY, Feb. 23 — Lunch: Mini corn dogs, green beans, pears, cookie, milk.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 24 — Lunch: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, corn, bread slice, peaches, milk.

THURSDAY, Feb. 25 — Lunch: Chicken and dumplings, peas, biscuit, fruit/Jell-o, milk.

FRIDAY, Feb. 26 — Lunch: Fish on bun, tater tots, slaw,

applesauce, milk.

Holy Family School

MONDAY, Feb. 22 — Lunch: Pizza, salad, corn, bread, mixed fruit, milk.

TUESDAY, Feb. 23 — Lunch: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, cherry crisp, milk.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 24 — Lunch: Spaghetti, cheese chunks, salad, bread, baked apples, milk.

THURSDAY, Feb. 25 — Lunch: Chili or Chili mac, grated cheese/crackers, peanut butter sandwich, celery and carrot sticks, Jell-o with fruit, milk.

FRIDAY, Feb. 26 — Lunch: Nachos with salsa and cheese sauce, refried beans, bread, salad, cake, milk.

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Watching Williams

Mt. Vernon standout looks doggone good to Salukis fans

For a follower of Missouri Valley Conference basketball since the days when Harry Caray broadcast games, little can surpass the conjecture related to the Feb. 26-March 1 conference postseason tournament at the Kiel Center in St. Louis.

The MVC race has been so contested that by mid-February, six of the 10 men's teams were within three games of first place. Meanwhile, my focus is on Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, where first-year coach Bruce Weber eclipsed last season's MVC win total of eight when the Salukis raised their league mark to 9-6 (14-9 overall) with an 80-48 rout Feb. 13 of first-place Evansville.

While junior rebounding leader Chris Thunell of O'Fallon is reason enough to follow the Salukis, Weber also brought interest to the high school game by making his first recruit, Kent Williams, the 6-foot-3 all-star of Mount Vernon.

Regardless of where SIUC finishes in the regular season or postseason, one can only wonder how Williams will fit into Weber's plans. Is he tall enough? Can he play on the NCAA Div. I level immediately? Is he fast enough?

The questions go on and on regarding Williams, but all he has done this season is convince, from the time he set a scoring record in the Coca-Cola/KMOX Shootout with 48 points in a 98-76 victory over Rainier Beach (Wash.) to his 28 points Feb. 12 in a 59-47 victory at O'Fallon.

At the Shootout, Williams put on a driving display (he was 4 of 8 in 3-pointers), but at O'Fallon, he netted six of his team's seven treys while surpassing the 2,000-point total for his career. In college, Williams should enjoy the shot clock. But if he and the Rams face a slowdown on the prep level (as predicted here a couple of weeks ago), he's a threat to do what he did recently in a 37-28 victory against Centralia.

In the first quarter alone, Williams outscored the Orphans 11-7 (Mount Vernon led 14-7). For the game, he had 21 points to become Mount Vernon's all-time leading scorer.

Can Williams lead the state's No. 2 Class AA team to an IHSA title?

"He's doggone good," a spectator entering the packed O'Fallon gym said of Williams. Salukis fans like that kind of talk about a future Dawg.

Overtime

Of the slowdown tactics against Mount Vernon, Centralia coach Rick Moss said: "This is a great, great team, and we knew this was a way that we had a chance."

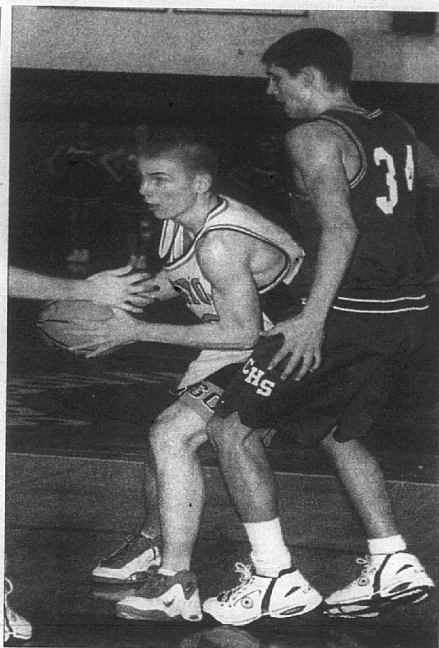
Not forgotten in the nine-point Mount Vernon victory was a 15-13 scoring edge for Centralia in the second half.

Rim shot

If you are curious about the plight of defending champion Illinois State in the men's MVC race, the Redbirds are struggling after losing second-leading scorer and rebound leader L. Dee Murdoch (a 6-foot-9 junior) in a 60-49 loss Jan. 30 at Carbondale.

ISU, coached by former Collinsville all-star Kevin

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Matt Pistorius scored 17 points Friday night for Granite City but the Warriors fell to East St. Louis for their eighth straight SWC loss.

Pistorius tries to lift Warriors out of slump

Junior emerges as Granite City's leading scorer

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Matt Pistorius leads the Granite City boys basketball team in scoring most nights.

He led the Warriors out of the 10-game losing streak that closed last season to an 11-5 start to this season.

But now Pistorius has to help the Warriors out of another skid. They had lost seven of eight and six straight heading into the weekend.

"I think he has developed into our scorer," Granite City coach John

VanBuskirk said. "I think he and (point guard) Zack (May) have a unique system that they use. There are not many people who can stop them two-on-two. They have to come over and bring an extra person over to stop them and get a lot of help."

"I don't think I'm really our main leader, because Zack is pretty much our leader," Pistorius said. "I think my role is at the beginning of the game to get the scoring started because I always have a lot more points in the first half than I do in the second. So I just try to get everything started."

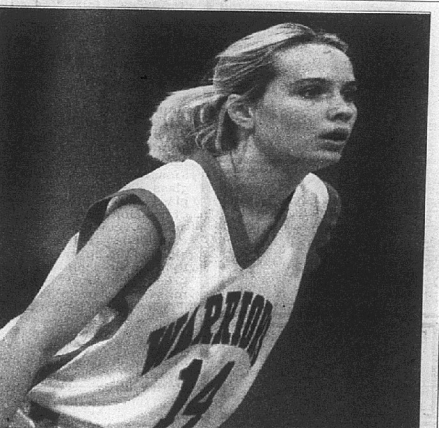
Pistorius, a junior, had a basketball

tuneup in the offseason and came out this year ready to roll.

"Matt is by far our most-improved player, from last year to this year," VanBuskirk said. "That's not taking anything away from Zack, but in terms of scoring, Matt has really improved his range on his jumpshot and his scoring inside. There's still room for improvement in other aspects of his game, but he has really done a good job."

"I think I improved on my outside

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Tim Stephenson photo

Season finale

Tonya Biggs of the Granite City Warriors junior varsity girls basketball team gets ready for action in a recent game. The Warriors defeated Belleville West 55-48 recently and closed the season with a loss to East St. Louis. Granite City finished the season at 7-11. The Warriors varsity closed at 13-14 and won 10 more games than the previous season. Warriors varsity players Erika Todd and Jan Shanafelt covered the Warriors junior varsity victory against Belleville West for the Journal. Their story appears on Page 5B.

Warriors wax Shells in MVCHA playoff opener

Defending league champions open with 10-3 win

By Chris Waldvogel
Staff writer

The Illinois Warriors didn't miss a beat Thursday in the transition from the regular season to the postseason.

CLUB ICE HOCKEY
The Warriors trounced Roxana 10-3 at the East Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association Conference playoffs.

The offensive onslaught allowed Warriors coach Paul Solberger to utilize a 3-0 lead and had outshot Roxana 20-4. By the end of the game, the shot advantage ballooned to 42-22.

"I was real happy. There was good puck movement," Solberger said. "I thought they were passing the puck extremely well. We were just let the other kids work, and they kept working, so I was really happy."

Nine players contributed offensively for the Warriors. Bobby Meszaros led the assault with five points, while Dustin Wesley, Brett Solberger and David Svezia each contributed three.

Robyn Slater, Raymond Smith and Luke Forrester each pitched in with one point.

"I thought Dustin Wesley was just flying," Solberger said. "David Svezia played well. You can just go down the roster. Brett (Solberger) had a pair of goals. I thought Robyn (Slater) played a great game."

The game overflowed with emotion. Roxana's Mike LaTempt tangled with the Warriors' Jared Brown and Josh Anderson in a third-period scrap. LaTempt and Anderson drew game misconducts. But Solberger said his team showed restraint amid late bruising from Roxana.

"The kids kept their composure," he said. "There were some hits out there, and we told them, 'We can't afford to get you thrown out. We're trying to win a championship, and we don't need any stupid penalties. This game is over. If they get on you, just turtle and protect yourself.'"

Along with his two points, Brown helped equalize things with his physical play.

"Jared got the first goal and an assist, and he's a physical force out there," Solberger said. "When Roxana started playing a little rough, Jared started throwing around his weight to neutralize that. When Jared wants to go and he keeps his legs moving, he can dominate people with his size and his speed and his shot. He's probably got one of the hardest shots in the league, and all he's gotta do is hit the net."

A goal finally broke through late in the second period. Lodged on the doorstep, goalie Brandon Rollins, Wes Thien buried a perfect pass from LaTempt at the 2:11 mark. But by then, the Warriors were using their bench and enjoyed a 10-1 cushion.

Joe Paynic notched two unassisted goals in the third — one on a breakaway in the last

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Sports

Warriors don't let down in playoff opener

Defending MVCHA champs took a lesson from Freeburg's loss

By Chris Waldvogel
Staff writer

Freeburg may deserve some credit for the Illinois Warriors' decisive win Thursday in Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association play.

The Warriors opened **CLUB ICE HOCKEY** Class AA post-season play by rolling past Roxana 10-3.

"We came out fired up," Warriors coach Paul Solberger said. "I gave them the story about what happened to Freeburg and told them, 'Don't take any opponent lightly.'"

The Blue Rage, who posted a 19-0-2 mark in the MVCHA Class A regular season, lost 3-1 to Mascoutah in the first round of the playoffs.

While Freeburg provided the Warriors with a warning about winning in the postseason, Collinsville roused the defending MVCHA champions from their regular-season slumber.

After falling to the Kahoks 7-2 on Jan. 6, the Warriors closed the regular season with seven wins and two ties in their last nine games.

"We were disappointed with Collinsville," Solberger said. "The first game, (a 4-3 loss) we really gave it to them. I'd have to say the second game, we came out flat. Collinsville just handed it to us. I was real happy the way we have played since that game, and maybe that's the wake-up call the kids needed."

A change in approach provided the Warriors with a much-needed spark after the loss to Collinsville.

"Since then we regrouped. We had a couple of team meetings and we discussed about our commitment, and they came back," Solberger said.

Solberger wanted to make sure his team wouldn't waiver going into the postseason.

"I told them that we were a better club than what they record indicated," he said. "They played Edwardsville to a tie (4-4 on Jan. 1). The other

game they played against Edwardsville, (a 3-2 loss for the Shells on Dec. 5) they probably should have beat them. I told them they can't come out and be complacent."

The Warriors took that advice and increased their unbeaten streak to 10 games. More importantly, the Warriors put on a clinic of solid teamwork. Nine players contributed points on offense, and everyone stepped up defensively.

"They came out and they played as a unit," Solberger said. "It's not one person. I think we go down the scoring and it was all the way around. We had a lot of kids contribute, and that's what you want, you want a total team effort."

Teams often walk a thin line between confidence and complacency, but Solberger thinks the Warriors will benefit from the blowout against the Shells.

"It's like we talked about in practice, as long as you execute, good things will

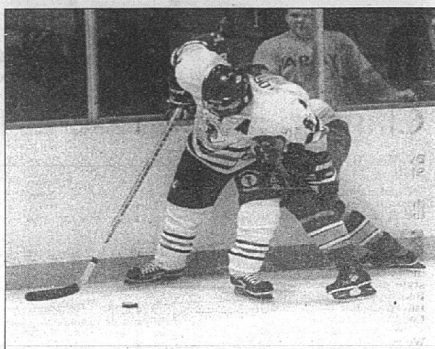
happen," he said. "I think a big win like this gives them confidence. I think it gives them nothing but confidence because they are playing fundamental hockey, and they're executing. And as long as they are moving the puck, the winning will continue."

Granite City's 13-6-3 record led the MVCHA Northern Division, marking the second time in the club's two years of existence that it has won a division title. And Solberger remains optimistic about his club's chances to repeat as MVCHA champions.

"I think one of the hardest things to do in sports is to repeat a championship," he said. "We still have a lot of talent on this team. We just started regrouping, and we changed the scheme of things a little bit. We went more offensive-minded and quit worrying about teams scoring on us and decided we're going to score. We're going to make people play to our style."

The secret, Solberger said, lies in Granite City's speed.

"I feel we have one of the



John Stordahl of the Illinois Warriors works the corner for control of the puck.

quickest teams in the league, and if we stay spread out and wide and use our speed, it's a big advantage," he said.

MVCHA playoffs

Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association	
Class AA	
North Division	
Team.....	W-L-T
Illinois (Granite City).....	13-6-3
Bethalto Civic Memorial.....	10-8-4
Alton.....	10-8-4
Edwardsville.....	10-8-4
Alton Marquette.....	8-10-4
Roxana.....	0-20-2
South Division	
Team.....	W-L-T
O'Fallon.....	17-3-2
Althoff.....	11-8-3
Collinsville.....	10-10-2
Bellefonte West.....	10-10-2
Bellefonte East.....	6-11-3
Cahokia.....	6-11-3
Playoffs (Round 1)	

O'Fallon 6, Cahokia 4.	6:15 p.m. Feb. 23 at U.S. Ice Sports Complex.
Althoff 8, Belleville East 2.	4 p.m. Feb. 27 at East Alton.
Illinois Warriors 10, Roxana 3.	5:30 p.m. Feb. 20 at East Alton.
Marquette vs. Civic Memorial, 4 p.m. Feb. 20 at East Alton.	
Edwardsville vs. Alton, 5:30 p.m. Feb. 20 at East Alton.	
Bellefonte West vs. Collinsville, 6:45 p.m. Feb. 20 at U.S. Ice Sports Complex.	
Roxana vs. O'Fallon, 4:30 p.m. Feb. 21 at U.S. Ice Sports Complex.	
Cahokia vs. Illinois Warriors (Granite City), 5:45 p.m. Feb. 21 at East Alton.	
Marquette vs. Althoff, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 21 at U.S. Ice Sports Complex.	
Bellefonte East vs. Civic Memorial, 8:45 p.m. Feb. 21 at East Alton.	
Edwardsville vs. Collinsville, 6:45 p.m. Feb. 23 at U.S. Ice Sports Complex.	
Bellefonte West vs. Alton, 7:15 p.m. Feb. 25 at East Alton.	
(Round 3)	

Belleville East vs. O'Fallon, 6:15 p.m. Feb. 23 at U.S. Ice Sports Complex.	
Marquette vs. Illinois Warriors (Granite City), 4 p.m. Feb. 27 at East Alton.	
Edwardsville vs. Civic Memorial, 5:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at East Alton.	
Bellefonte West vs. Althoff, 5:45 p.m. Feb. 27 at U.S. Ice Sports Complex.	
Roxana vs. Alton, 7:15 p.m. Feb. 28 at East Alton.	
Cahokia vs. Collinsville, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 28 at U.S. Ice Sports Complex.	
Quarterfinal 1, 6:30 p.m. March 1 at U.S. Ice Sports Complex.	
Quarterfinal 2, 8 p.m. March 2 at East Alton.	
Quarterfinal 3, 8:15 p.m. March 3 at U.S. Ice Sports Complex.	
Quarterfinal 4, 7:45 p.m. March 3 at East Alton.	
Semifinal 1 (North), 7:30 p.m. March 4 at East Alton.	
Semifinal 2 (South), 7 p.m. March 5 at U.S. Ice Sports Complex.	

Championship, 6 p.m. March 7 at East Alton.	
Class A	
East Division	
Team.....	W-L-T
Freeburg.....	10-8-2
Waterloo.....	10-8-2
Triad.....	9-8-4
Mascoutah.....	9-9-3
West Division	
Team.....	W-L-T
Plaza Southwestern.....	9-9-4
Wood River.....	6-11-8
Jerseyville.....	6-14-1
Highland.....	12-0-0
Playoffs (Round 1)	
Mascoutah 3, Freeburg 1.	
Highland vs. Southwestern, 8:45 p.m. Feb. 18 at East Alton.	
Jerseyville vs. Wood River, 2:30 p.m. Feb. 20 at East Alton.	
Triad vs. Waterloo, 4:15 p.m. Feb. 20 at U.S. Ice Sports Complex.	

Highland vs. Freeburg, 6 p.m. Feb. 21 at U.S. Ice Sports Complex.	
Mascoutah vs. Southwestern, 7:15 p.m. Feb. 21 at East Alton.	
Jerseyville vs. Waterloo, 7:45 p.m. Feb. 22 at U.S. Ice Sports Complex.	
Triad vs. Wood River, 8:45 p.m. Feb. 25 at East Alton.	
(Round 3)	
Triad vs. Freeburg, 2:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at East Alton.	
Jerseyville vs. Southwestern, 4:15 p.m. Feb. 27 at U.S. Ice Sports Complex.	
Highland vs. Wood River, 5:45 p.m. Feb. 28 at East Alton.	
Mascoutah vs. Waterloo, 6 p.m. Feb. 28 at U.S. Ice Sports Complex.	
Semifinal (East), 6:30 p.m. March 2 at U.S. Ice Sports Complex.	
Semifinal 2 (West), 6 p.m. March 3 at East Alton.	
Championship, 4:30 p.m. March 6 at East Alton.	

MVCHA results

Schedules for local teams in the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association. Rinks listed below in parentheses are: FH — the U.S. Ice Sports Complex; Farview Heights; EA — East Alton; GC — Granite City; CA — Cahokia.

ALTHOFF CRUSADERS	
Overall record (13-6-2)	
November	
10 vs. Belleville East (FH).....	W 7-2
22 vs. Alton (EA).....	L 0-2
23 vs. Roxana (EA).....	W 10-3
25 vs. O'Fallon (FH).....	L 2-3
December	
5 vs. Belleville West (FH).....	W 2-0
6 vs. Marquette (EA).....	W 3-1
13 vs. Collinsville (FH).....	W 5-1
17 vs. Cahokia (FH).....	W 4-1
22 vs. Edwardsville (FH).....	W 3-1
27 vs. Granite City (FH).....	W 3-1
29 vs. Belleville East (FH).....	W 3-1
January	
3 vs. Alton (FH).....	T 1-1
9 vs. Roxana (FH).....	W 4-0
10 vs. O'Fallon (FH).....	T 1-1
12 vs. Belleville West (FH).....	L 1-2
18 vs. Alton-Marquette (GC).....	L 1-4
23 vs. Civic Memorial (EA).....	W 4-1
24 vs. Collinsville (FH).....	W 4-1
30 vs. Cahokia (CA).....	W 4-1
February	
3 vs. Granite City (FH).....	L 4-5
8 vs. Civic Memorial (EA).....	L 1-4
13 vs. Edwardsville (EA).....	4 p.m.

BELLEVILLE EAST LANCERS	
Overall record (6-12-3)	
November	
14 vs. O'Fallon (FH).....	L 3-7
16 vs. Althoff (FH).....	L 2-7
21 vs. Cahokia (CA).....	L 1-4
23 vs. Alton-Marquette (EA).....	W 4-1
24 vs. Collinsville (FH).....	W 4-1
29 vs. Alton Marquette (EA).....	W 3-1
December	
5 vs. Collinsville (FH).....	W 0-3
13 vs. Alton (FH).....	W 4-3
18 vs. O'Fallon (FH).....	L 2-8
20 vs. Belleville West (FH).....	L 1-4
21 vs. Granite City (FH).....	W 5-2
27 vs. Edwardsville (EA).....	L 0-5
29 vs. Althoff (FH).....	L 1-3
January	
3 vs. Cahokia (FH).....	T 4-4
7 vs. Civic Memorial (EA).....	L 0-4
10 vs. Alton Marquette (FH).....	T 2-2
16 vs. Collinsville (FH).....	T 4-4
23 vs. Roxana (FH).....	W 7-2
24 vs. Alton (EA).....	L 0-5
27 vs. Granite City (GC).....	L 1-6
February	
1 vs. Belleville East (FH).....	L 1-6
7 vs. Edwardsville (FH).....	L 3-8
11 vs. Roxana (EA).....	7:15 p.m.

BELLEVILLE WEST MAROONS	
Overall record (11-9-1)	
November	
17 vs. Cahokia (FH).....	T 4-4
22 vs. Collinsville (FH).....	L 0-3
25 vs. Edwardsville (FH).....	L 2-3

29 vs. Civic Memorial (FH).....	W 3-1
December	
5 vs. Althoff (FH).....	L 0-2
13 vs. Alton (EA).....	W 3-0
18 vs. O'Fallon (FH).....	L 0-3
19 vs. Granite City (GC).....	L 2-4
20 vs. Belleville East (FH).....	L 1-7
26 vs. Cahokia (CA).....	W 2-0
27 vs. Roxana (EA).....	W 6-5
January	
3 vs. Collinsville (FH).....	L 1-5
7 vs. Edwardsville (EA).....	W 3-1
12 vs. Althoff (FH).....	W 2-1
17 vs. Alton Marquette (EA).....	L 0-1
23 vs. Alton (EA).....	W 5-2
24 vs. O'Fallon (FH).....	L 1-7
30 vs. Granite City (GC).....	L 2-3
February	
1 vs. Belleville East (FH).....	W 6-1
6 vs. Roxana (FH).....	W 5-0
14 vs. Civic Memorial (EA).....	7:15 p.m.

CAHOKIA COMANCHES	
Overall record (6-10-4)	
November	
15 vs. Alton Marquette (EA).....	L 3-4
17 vs. Belleville West.....	T 4-4
18 vs. Belleville East (EA).....	W 4-1
28 vs. Granite City (CA).....	T 3-2
December	
5 vs. O'Fallon (CA).....	W 2-0
9 vs. Civic Memorial (EA).....	L 2-4
12 vs. Roxana (EA).....	W 4-1
14 vs. Althoff (FH).....	L 1-4
19 vs. Alton Marquette (CA).....	L 1-3
20 vs. Edwardsville (EA).....	L 4-9
26 vs. Belleville West (CA).....	L 0-2
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2 vs. Alton (CA).....	L 2-5
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February	
6 vs. Collinsville (CA).....	L 1-2
8 vs. Alton (EA).....	8:45 p.m.

COLLINSVILLE KAHOKS	
Overall record (10-9-2)	
November	
12 vs. Alton Marquette (EA).....	L 3-9
19 vs. O'Fallon (FH).....	L 3-6
23 vs. Belleville West (FH).....	W 3-0
24 vs. Granite City (FH).....	W 6-3
30 vs. Roxana (FH).....	W 6-3
December	
5 vs. Belleville East (FH).....	L 3-6
6 vs. Alton (FH).....	W 3-1
12 vs. Edwardsville (EA).....	L 2-5
15 vs. Althoff (FH).....	L 4-5
27 vs. Cahokia (FH).....	L 3-4
29 vs. O'Fallon (FH).....	L 1-7
January	
3 vs. Belleville West (FH).....	W 5-1
6 vs. Granite City (GC).....	W 7-2
10 vs. Roxana (EA).....	W 9-1
15 vs. Belleville East (EA).....	T 4-4

17 vs. Alton (FH).....	T 2-2
19 vs. Edwardsville (FH).....	L 2-5
24 vs. Althoff (FH).....	L 2-3
February	
2 vs. Alton Marquette (FH).....	W 3-2
6 vs. Cahokia (CA).....	W 5-2
11 vs. Civic Memorial (EA).....	W 5-2
15 vs. Civic Memorial (FH).....	4:15 p.m.

EDWARDSVILLE TIGERS	
Overall record (10-7-4)	
November	
19 vs. Granite City (EA).....	L 3-4
22 vs. O'Fallon (EA).....	W 1-0
24 vs. Belleville West (FH).....	W 3-2
29 vs. Alton (EA).....	L 1-4
December	
5 vs. Roxana (FH).....	W 3-2
13 vs. Collinsville (EA).....	W 5-2
13 vs. Civic Memorial (EA).....	W 3-1
20 vs. Alton Marquette (EA).....	W 6-4
22 vs. Althoff (FH).....	L 1-3
27 vs. Belleville East (EA).....	W 1-0
30 vs. Granite City (GC).....	L 2-3
January	
1 vs. Roxana (EA).....	T 4-4
3 vs. O'Fallon (EA).....	T 3-5
6 vs. Belleville West (EA).....	L 1-3
10 vs. Alton (EA).....	L 0-3
19 vs. Collinsville (FH).....	W 5-2
23 vs. Cahokia (CA).....	T 2-2
28 vs. Civic Memorial (EA).....	W 2-1
30 vs. Alton Marquette (EA).....	T 2-2
February	
7 vs. Belleville East (FH).....	W 8-3
13 vs. Althoff (EA).....	4 p.m.

FREEBURG BLUE RAGE	
Overall record (19-0-2)	
November	
21 vs. Mascoutah (FH).....	W 4-2
23 vs. Triad (FH).....	W 4-2
25 vs. Wood River (FH).....	W 6-2
December	
1 vs. Highland (FH).....	W 8-0
9 vs. Plaza Southwestern (EA).....	T 3-3
9 vs. Waterloo (FH).....	T 7-4
13 vs. Jerseyville (EA).....	W 7-3
15 vs. Mascoutah (FH).....	W 5-1
25 vs. Triad (FH).....	W 5-1
26 vs. Wood River (EA).....	W 3-4
27 vs. Highland (EA).....	W 5-3
January	
4 vs. Plaza Southwestern (FH).....	W 6-2
9 vs. Waterloo (FH).....	W 2-1
12 vs. Jerseyville (FH).....	W 4-3
17 vs. Mascoutah (FH).....	W 2-0
24 vs. Triad (FH).....	W 2-0
25 vs. Wood River (EA).....	W 9-0
30 vs. Plaza Southwestern (EA).....	W 5-0
February	
7 vs. Waterloo (FH).....	W 3-1

GRANITE CITY WARRIORS	
Overall record (10-7-2)	
November	

18 vs. Alton Marquette (GC).....	W 6-4
19 vs. Edwardsville (EA).....	W 4-3
24 vs. Collinsville (FH).....	L 3-4
28 vs. Cahokia (CA).....	T 2-2
December	
2 vs. O'Fallon (GC).....	L 3-8
5 vs. Civic Memorial (EA).....	L 2-4
9 vs. North (EA).....	W 1-0
16 vs. Belleville West (GC).....	W 4-2
21 vs. Belleville East (FH).....	L 2-5
23 vs. Alton (GC).....	L 1-4
27 vs. Althoff (FH).....	W 3-1
30 vs. Edwardsville (GC).....	W 3-2
January	
6 vs. Collinsville (EA).....	L 2-7
9 vs. Alton (EA).....	T 1-1
13 vs. Cahokia (GC).....	T 4-4
20 vs. Civic Memorial (GC).....	W 3-1
24 vs. Roxana (EA).....	W 6-1
26 vs. Belleville East (EA).....	L 1-1
30 vs. Belleville West (FH).....	W 3-2
February	
3 vs. Althoff (FH).....	W 5-4
13 vs. Alton Marquette (EA).....	8:30 p.m.

January		
8 vs. Collinsville (GC).....	L	2-7
9 vs. Alton (EA).....	T	1
13 vs. Cahokia (GC).....	T	4-4
20 vs. Civic Memorial (GC).....	W	3-1
24 vs. Roxana (EA).....	W	5-1
27 vs. Belleville East (GC).....	W	6-1
30 vs. Belleville West (FH).....	W	3-2
February		
3 vs. Althoff (FH).....	W	5-4
13 vs. Alton Marquette (EA).....	5:30 p.m.	

Swarm prepares for inaugural season

Claggett introduced as first player

By Alan Gerdes
Staff writer

Opening night is still more than nine months away, but the St. Louis Swarm is off and running.

BASKETBALL perhaps an indication of the up-tempo style of play head coach Butch Beard intends to bring to the International Basketball League franchise.

"We're excited about it. We're happy that St. Louis has gotten off to such a fast start," said George Blaney, IBL vice president of basketball operations.

"Each team is kind of in a different state of evolution. I would say that St. Louis is one of three or four that are probably ahead of most everyone else."

"If we could start tomorrow, I would love to get in a gym with a group of guys and see if I could put them together to win a championship — to have a winning attitude," said Beard, a former head coach with the NBA's New Jersey Nets. "I feel extremely fortunate and lucky to be here."

The Swarm — one of at least 12 teams (there's a possibility of 12) scheduled to play in the inaugural 1999-2000 IBL season

— took a major step Tuesday when it introduced Beard as its head coach and former Venice (Ill.) High and Saint Louis University standout Erwin Claggett as its first player.

The team, which has already sold about 2,500 season tickets, also unveiled its logo at a news conference at the Regal Riverfront Hotel in downtown St. Louis.

After playing in European professional leagues or touring with various teams the last four seasons, Claggett said it's exciting not only for him to get a chance to play professionally at home, but also for the St. Louis area to experience professional basketball for the first time in over 20 years.

All-American career at the University of Louisville.

"I'm excited playing for an NBA coach. The guy has coached some of the greatest talents in the world, and he's going to be coaching me next year," Claggett said.

"Hopefully, I can learn a lot from him, pick up some things to just keep developing my game more and more."

"It's still in the back of mind for the simple fact that I know that I can play in the NBA. I just haven't been given the opportunity."

While Beard would love to have a player of Claggett's caliber for many years to come in a Swarm uniform, he said he will help his players any way he can to get them a

shot in the NBA. "I've been at that other level and I know what it takes to get there," Beard said. "If they have aspirations, if they have the potential to get there, I can push them to that point. That's where you get to see people

playing for SLU), and I think the team in St. Charles is going to draw pretty good out there. Fans here, I think, are starving for basketball, so if we can give them an exciting brand of basketball and good play and hard-working players that work hard in the community and on the court, I think it's going to have a nice turnout."

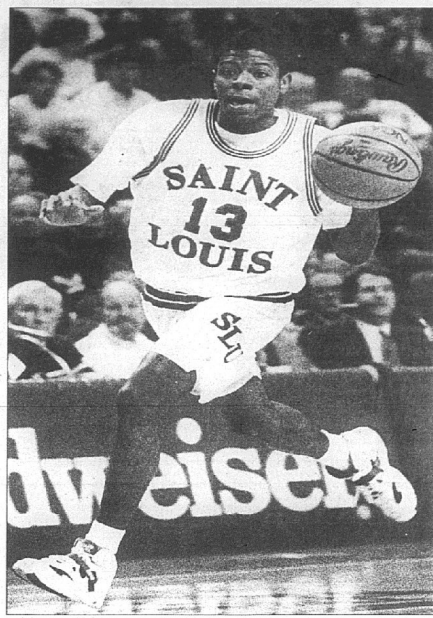
While Claggett is excited about playing in front of his hometown fans, he is also hoping to impress some NBA teams.

And with Beard leading the way, Claggett thinks his chances are enhanced. In addition to his NBA coaching experience, Beard also played nine years in the NBA after an All-American career at the University of Louisville.

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grow as individuals."

Claggett is the first of two regional picks for the Swarm, which plans to sign its second regional pick before the July 19 draft. IBL teams will lose a draft pick for each regional pick they sign.

The criteria for regional picks are as follows:

- Played in college within 100 miles of the team's arena.
- Went to high school within 100 miles of the arena.
- Born within 100 miles of the arena and lived there for at least two years.

If a player does not meet the first criteria, then you go to the second, and eventually, third criteria to see which players are considered regional picks for a particular team. For example, any former University of Missouri player — since Columbia is within 100 miles of St. Charles — could be a regional pick for the Swarm before any other IBL team.

For more information on the Swarm or ticket information, call (314) 216-2000.

Beard returns from hiatus to coach the Swarm

By Ryan Fagan
Staff writer

After almost 32 years of direct involvement with either college or professional basketball, Butch Beard took some time away from the game after the 1996-97 season. What did he do with his new-found free time?

"Basically nothing. I really did not do anything," said Beard. "I then admitted he spent time playing golf, tennis and reading. "I'm just now getting back to doing a little scouting for some NBA teams and doing some television work, so I'm just getting back into it."

Beard — introduced Tuesday as the first head coach of the St. Louis Swarm, the International Basketball League team that will play in the new 11,200-seat St. Charles County Family Arena in St. Charles, Mo. — said the time off helped him gain a new perspective.

"To me, it's like a breath of fresh air. I'm ready to go."

And Beard will have plenty to do, especially putting together a competitive roster. On Tuesday, the Swarm also introduced former Venice High and Saint Louis University standout Erwin Claggett as its first player, but Beard has to prepare for the IBL's inaugural draft on July 19.

"I will be very involved with the selection of the players, along with (Swarm president) Michael Mannion. We will sit down and do the basketball selections and everything," Beard said. "More or less, it will be what I would like to have on my basketball team."

Beard said the Swarm might wind up with a distinct local flavor.

"We're definitely going to be looking at some local players, because we feel we have to have somebody the people know," Beard said. "I truly believe you have to have local talent, but you also have to have a group of guys who will come out and work hard because it is the entertainment dollar we're trying to get. I can't tell you who it will be, but I do know that we have looked at local talent."

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How Diabetes Affects Your Eyes

What you need to know about Diabetic Retinopathy

by E.A. Doisy, III, MD
Illinois Eye Specialists

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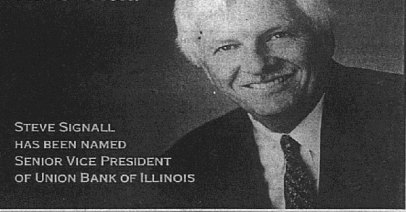
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Meszaros shows defensive and offensive prowess

By Chris Waldvogel
Staff writer

Illinois Warriors' standout Bobby Meszaros made coach Paul Sollberger look like a genius.

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Thursday night, Meszaros started the game, a 10-3

playoff victory for the Warriors, playing on defense.

With perfect placement in the Warriors' zone, Meszaros broke up the few scoring chances Roxana enjoyed in the first period.

"He played triple A hockey, and he

played Pee Wee hockey for me as a defenseman," Sollberger said. "The position he learned to play first was defense and the offense has come second."

Meszaros has learned the offense well. One of the leading scorers in Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association, Meszaros scored four goals and added an assist as the offense piled up against the Shells.

"I started the game with him on defense figuring that Roxana would shadow him," Sollberger said. "We were going to try and confuse them and break him loose. Once we saw that they weren't shadowing him, I

moved him back up to forward and just let him go."

Meszaros helped the Warriors draw first blood. He fed Jared Brown, whose slapper from the point opened the scoring at the 9:40 mark in the first period.

Meszaros then scored at 6:41 on a wicked shot from the same spot in the near circle. His power play goal gave the Warriors a 2-0 lead.

He struck again in the first, poking in a rebound after Chris Carnes stopped Dustin Wesley twice from close range. That goal stretched the Granite City advantage to 5-0. Meszaros' hat trick was completed

in the second period on the best play of the night. Meszaros took the puck at his own blue line, carried it into the Roxana zone, split two defenders and whizzed a quick shot past Carnes, giving the Warriors a 6-0 bulge with 10:36 remaining in the frame. He closed his barrage with an unassisted tally at the 8:29 mark.

Meszaros notched his five points despite sitting most of the game. "I don't want to chance him getting hurt," Sollberger said. "He didn't need to do anymore than he already did."

Spectacular offensive ability often overshadows Meszaros' skill on

defense. But Sollberger uses that to his team's advantage.

"There are a lot of times when we get in a tight game, and I'll put him and Billy Cahill out on defense together and especially if we're short-handed," Sollberger said. "Like the Althoff game situation, where it was 4-3 and we got a penalty, I put Bobby on defense. You've gotta go to your strengths, and Bobby made Triple A playing defense. If I had him on defense, he'd be the best defenseman in the league. He is one of the best defensemen in the league even though I've got him playing center."

Pistorius emerges for Granite City

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shooting and probably my dribbling and ball-handling," Pistorius said. "Last year, I was kind of afraid to handle the ball and this year I don't really have a problem with it on the press and everything. I think it's just a matter of experience."

Pistorius plays with intensity and high expectations. During the Warriors' 71-61 loss to East St. Louis on Feb. 6, Pistorius struggled against East St. Louis center Darius Miles. But he still managed 15 points and had Miles in foul trouble at the end of the game.

"He is hard on himself, but he is a competitor," VanBuskirk said. "He wants to do the very best he can and he wants to win as bad as anybody. All this affects him. He probably wears his emotions on his sleeve somewhat. He is just a winner. He wants to win and he will do anything he can to help us win. He is a big part of us having 12 wins this year. He's averaging 16 or 17 points per game, which is very good for a junior in the Southwestern Conference."

"We try real hard, anytime there is a mismatch, to put Matt down inside. They have trouble guarding him inside. Anytime they try to put a big kid on him, we try to move him outside where he can make baskets outside. There are not many high school basketball players who can play inside, and then when you try to stop him with a bigger person, move him outside and he has the same results. He's just a very good scorer and it doesn't matter where you put him. That's why he's averaging so many points. Anytime you have a high average of points you have to make your free throws, and his free-throw percentage is well

over 75 percent. That's a good percentage."

Pistorius has been a stabilizing force for the Warriors. His physical gifts aren't the only weapons he brings to the table.

"You have to have somebody out there who understands what is going on," VanBuskirk said. "At the Collinsville (Schnucks Holiday) Tournament, he called a timeout all by himself. He saw that he was going to have trouble getting the ball in bounds. It was a great timeout. It was something that should have been called and he did it before I even blurted it out. Experience, maturity, all of that makes a difference. That's not the only time he has done something like that. That one sticks out. He just makes good decisions. If he could improve as much next year as he did between his sophomore and junior years, all I can say is, 'Wow!'"

"I'm trying to just make sure everybody stays friends," Pistorius said. "If we aren't friends, we aren't going to play well on the court. We aren't going to have good chemistry. This year we are a lot tighter. Last year we just didn't have the love."

In the midst of a six-game losing streak, the Warriors look to their de facto leaders to be the calm in the storm. "Even though we've only got two seniors on the team, it seems like we have four, with Matt and Zack," VanBuskirk said. "With their experience from last year, their knowledge of basketball, they are playing and acting like seniors. They are very mature. What are they going to be like next year? They should be the head and shoulders above everybody else, with what they have been through."

And what they're going through now. "I think we just have to keep everything positive," Pistorius said. "This is the toughest part of our schedule."

Warriors wax Shells in playoff opener

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few seconds of the game — to wrap up the scoring.

"The first time we played them, we beat them 10-0," Sollberger said. "The second time we played Roxana, it was like 5-2. I think the kids did take the second game for granted, but tonight I didn't see that. I think the kids were fired up."

Solid goaltending also fueled Sollberger's hopes to repeat as MVCHA

champion. What was once the shakiest part of the Granite City juggernaut has now solidified.

"I thought Brandon did real well," Sollberger said. "I think the goals they had were earned. The breakaway, that's a 50-50 chance. Down in the second period, he made some real good leg saves and was solid."

Early in the second period, Rollins stopped LaTemp with an amazing

kick save and stonewalled Paynic as he fired from close range.

"Brandon's coming off the flu and getting his strength back and trying to give Scotty a break. We just rolled him in. I just kind of look at them before the game and make a decision of who I'm gonna go with by their look and their demeanor, so I was real happy with the way he played. He did an excellent job."

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MVC race wide open but Redbirds struggle

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Stallings, also had four other starters in and out of the lineup due to injuries. The Redbirds helped attract 4,280 fans to the STUC Arena — the highest attendance there this season.

Footnote

A recent report on high school basketball shootouts by the *Chicago Tribune* indicated the following about the Coca-Cola/KMOX Shootout in St. Louis: The annual event, which attracts some of the nation's top teams, operates on a \$150,000 budget. According to director Keith Pickett (of Columbia), this year's event drew 14,000 fans and turned a profit of about \$5,000.



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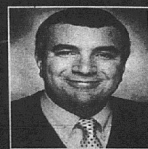
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Warriors JV puts away Maroons with strong finish

By Erika Todd
and Jan Shanafelt
Special for the Journal

The Granite City Warriors junior varsity girls basketball team put together a tremendous defensive effort to defeat Belleville West 55-48 on Feb. 4. Junior guards Katie Ronk and Tonya Biggs led the Warriors. Ronk, who had missed the previous game due to the flu, came back with a vengeance. She dominated the fourth quarter, stifling the Maroons' attack and leading the Warriors offense.

Ronk's runner and free throw gave

Ronk leads rally with effort on both ends of floor

Granite a 42-40 lead with 3:51 to play in the fourth quarter. Belleville West regained its last lead of the game, but freshman star Erin Tyler's jumper gave the Warriors a 44-43 lead. Ashley Bogovich made a layup to follow a great defensive play by Ronk that led to a turnover. Bogovich then went to the line and missed the first of her one-and-one chance, but Tyler was there with the follow. Ronk got another steal and, while falling down, found Tyler underneath. Ronk's two free throws

and baskets by Tyler and Tabby Duff finished off the Warriors victory. "We've been waiting all year for that explosion game because Katie can really turn it on," Warriors coach Paul Macios said. "She takes it to the hole and she makes a lot of things happen, which sometimes means that she doesn't get the points. Tonight she was just solid. That's all you can ask from a point guard. We're happy to see her have a great game."

Bogovich led the Warriors with 12 points. Tyler attacked the boards for

six rebounds and added in 11 points. Duff scored seven points and Ronk's backcourt partner, Tonya Biggs, had six. Jessica Vassiloff scored four points and Leighann Worthen and Sarah Luehmann each added two.

The night belonged to Ronk, who finished with 11 points, five rebounds and six steals. "I was pretty excited playing tonight and just really wanted to win," Ronk said. "We turned it up and everyone made their shots. We played really well together and

worked really hard and got what we wanted. Everyone made their layups, we hit our free throws and our press was awesome."

"Our press kicked into gear in the fourth quarter and we played with some intensity for a change," Macios said. "They watch the varsity when they play and sometimes they can emulate that. It's fun to watch them play well."

"I thought we did a great job overall," Biggs said. "Our defense was awesome and we didn't commit too many fouls." The Warriors subsequently lost to East St. Louis and closed out their season at 7-11.

Granite City 13-and-under select baseball team seeks players

Granite City select baseball team is seeking players for 13-and-under AABC-sponsored league.

Eligible players must have been born after Sep. 1, 1985. Open tryouts are scheduled for the first week in March. For more information call Stan Hecht at 876-7140 or Don Wykoff at 797-0617.

Softball tourney

A girls indoor fastpitch softball tournament is set for March 12-14 at the Ball Park Sports Center in O'Fallon. The tourney includes a four-game guarantee with a one-hour time limit.

For an application or more information, call Rick at 624-6837.

Golf tourney

The Legacy Golf Course will host a St. Patrick's three-person scramble on March 13. The cost is \$50. For more information, call (618) 931-4653 or 726-4653.

Swimming clinic

The Seahawks swim team will offer a six-week stroke clinic for summer swimmers beginning Tuesday, April 6. Sessions will be held at 6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Swimmers must be able to

swim a 25-yard freestyle and backstroke. The cost is \$60 in advance and \$70 after April 6. For more information, call 476-1244.

Football camp

St. Louis Rams receiver Isaac Bruce will offer a youth instructional football camp June 5-9 at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. The camp is for boys age 8-18 and features instruction from Rams players.

Overnight housing is available. For more information, call 1-800-555-0801.

Trivia night

Belleville Area College's softball team is hosting a trivia night 7-10 p.m. Saturday at the KC Hall in Collinsville. The cost is \$12 per person and includes snacks and attendance prizes. First, second, and third-place teams will receive cash awards. A cash bar will also be available.

Proceeds from the event will offset expenses for the Dutchwomen when they travel to Florida in March for a training trip.

The team's first game is scheduled at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 28 at Central Methodist University in Fayette, Mo. For more information, call BAC's athletic department at 235-2700, extension 5271.

Golf meeting

The Metro East Golfing Singles will conduct its annual membership meeting 5 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at Shenanigan's Restaurant, 6401 W. Main St. in Belleville.

Any single adult interested in joining the group is welcome to attend. A presentation about the organization will be given. Snacks and appetizers will be served and a cash bar will be available.

For more information, call

Dan Mitchell at 398-6431.

Card show

The seventh annual Benefit Sports Card & Beanie Baby Show will be 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, February 28, at the Mascoutah Middle School gym. The show is sponsored by the Mascoutah Athletic Booster Club.

An autograph session at 12 noon will feature Belleville Area College graduate Dean Brueggemann, a pitcher in the Colorado Rockies organization. There will also be hourly attendance prizes. A silent auction includes pictures of Ozzie Smith, Tom Hanks, Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet, an Orlando Pace jersey, an Isaac Bruce mini-helmet, a J.D. Drew bat and at least two sets of St. Louis Cardinals box seat tickets.

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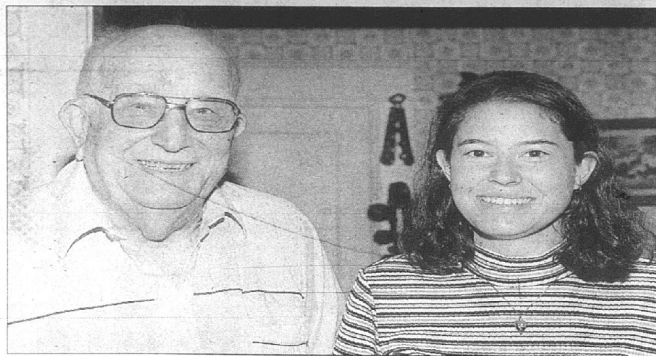
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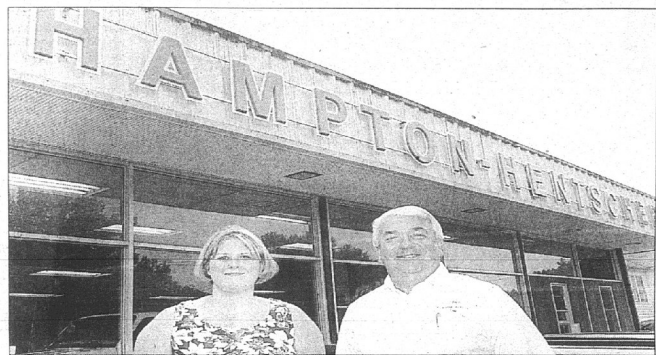
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Belleville Area College student Julie Bouquet of Waterloo, recipient of the Thielen Family Endowed Scholarship, with Henry Thielen. It is one of 100 privately funded scholarships made available to BAC students through the BAC Foundation.



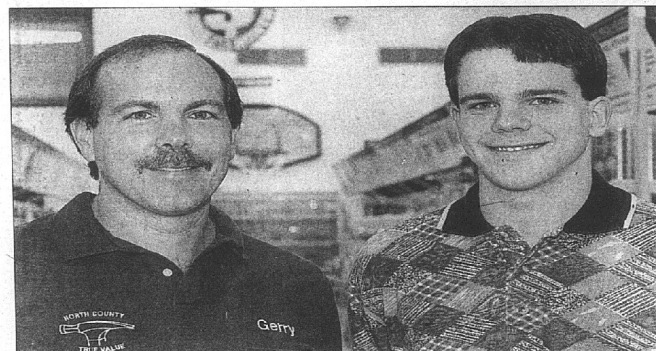
Belleville Area College student Staci Braun of Millstadt, recipient of the BAC Mathematics Faculty Scholarship, with Bruce Sisko, head of the Math Department. It is one of 100 privately funded scholarships made available to BAC students through the BAC Foundation.



Belleville Area College student Becky Deterding of Red Bud, recipient of the Hampton-Hentscher Ford-Mercury Scholarship, with Joe Hampton, owner of the dealership. It is one of 100 privately funded scholarships made available to BAC students through the BAC Foundation.



Belleville Area College student Rachael Kuykendall of Columbia, recipient of the Southern Illinois Crankshaft Scholarship, with Jean Schaefer, owner of Illinois Crankshaft. It is one of 100 privately funded scholarships made available to BAC students through the BAC Foundation.



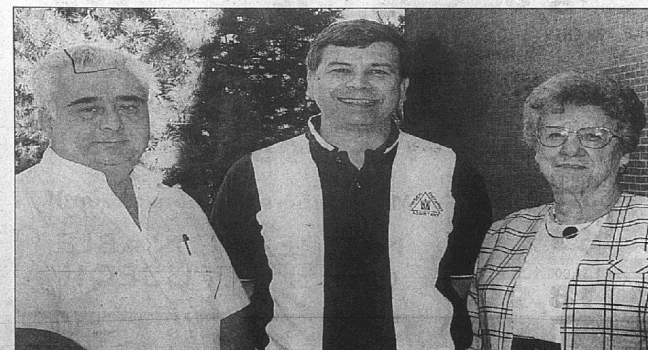
Student Curtis Stoll of Red Bud, right, recipient of the North County True Value Home Center Scholarship, is pictured with Gerry Niermann, True Value owner. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student pursuing a business-related career who lives in Red Bud or Randolph County.



Student Michelle Gagnon of Maryville, recipient of the Egyptian Radio Club Scholarship, is pictured with Tod West, club treasurer. The scholarship is awarded to a full- or part-time student attending classes on the Granite City Campus.



Student Stephanie Scharf, center, of Smithton, recipient of the Orison and Fern Selbert Endowed Scholarship, is pictured with the Selberts. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who recently graduated from Freeburg High School and is committed to earning a higher degree.



Student Bruce Boxdorfer, center, of Belleville, recipient of the Brenda Smith Memorial Endowed Scholarship, is pictured with Charles and Margaret Smith. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time, second-year physical therapist assistant student. It is one of 100 privately funded scholarships made available to BAC students through the Foundation.



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5 His passes are off the mark

11 Took steps

16 Burger beginner

19 Bristol's river

20 Give a lift

21 Tune of

22 Exmoor

23 Galleon gold

24 Astro end

25 Pope le Pew's pet?

26 Early Timesdown

27 Lookers

28 Short shows

29 Bug, to Elmer

30 Place for an ace

31 Fire sign

32 Lubjanska native

33 Black Bears' town

41 Short cut

42 Quick fixer-upper?

43 Mongol housing

44 Bats and MacGraw

45 Wing it?

46 Man on the roof, perhaps

47 "Lighthouse" Woolf

48 "The mornin'"

49 Schwarzenegger

50 Workshire university

51 Li Tasha of "Star Trek TNG"

52 Composer State

53 Cut and splice

54 Improve

55 Alfonso's queen

56 Relevant

57 Galileo's evidence

58 Settler of 1620

59 King

60 Wimple wearers

61 Half-pint

62 Perfect closure

63 Barbecue company

64 Short reploes?

65 Aussie city

66 Chopper blade

67 Short cuts

68 Buks in the news

69 Penmark

70 Guileful

71 Of the ear

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1 Holdings

2 Be of use

3 Micky's moust?

4 Pullen holder

5 "Manon" author

6 Confomats' tin shot?

7 Harris haven

8 Man from

9 Guys "to die for"

10 Unlaid paddler

11 Clerical garment

12 Pen's pal?

13 Mission leader?

14 Marx's crusher

15 Arcaro in the irons

16 "Equus" actor?

17 Alan or Adam

18 Bullwinkle for one

19 Sculpitor

20 Seek to date

21 "Surprise!"

22 Lake Geneva resort

23 Sign on

24 Hemhouse sign-off?

25 Good sign

26 Min's kin

27 Starward

28 UN agency

29 Two-time Pulitzer

30 "Blush or flush"

31 Theater drop

32 Pring maker

33 Basketball great

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GRANITE CITY and surrounding areas



Area officials, business leaders seek to position Granite City for the future

Race enthusiasts flocked to the opening of the Gateway International Raceway in nearby Madison.

Climate right for economic growth

City leaders optimistic about opportunities despite national steel industry problems and military base restructuring.

Story by Scott Cousins
Photos by Tim Stephenson

Continued development in the Metro East has led to what R.C. Bush, executive vice president of the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce, said is a very good climate for business.

"I think the business climate is the best it's been in many years," Bush said. "In terms of unemployment, it's less than we've seen in a decade, a decade-and-a-half."

The city's unemployment rate is now at about 7 percent; while that is above the national average, he said, it is "far" below the double digit figures of the mid-1980s and typical for an industrial town.

"I think the numbers are tremendous-ly good," he said.

However, two potential clouds are hanging over the horizon, the continuing "crisis" in the American steel industry and the potential closing of the Charles Melvin Price Support Center.

The steel industry is still hurting from what it calls the illegal dumping of foreign steel into U.S. markets. Most of that has been blamed on serious downturns in foreign economies, especially Asia.

According to the U.S. Commerce Department, the second quarter of 1998 showed the highest steel import volumes in U.S. history. Steel imports from Japan during the first six months of 1998 increased 113.7 percent over January to June 1997, and imports from Korea increased 89.5 percent during the same period.

The International Trade Commission recently approved a preliminary staff recommendation saying that foreign companies are dumping subsidized steel.

Subsidies violate basic trade agreements and allow other countries to dramatically undercut U.S. steel prices. If the companies are found to be dumping steel by the Commerce Department, those imports could face tariffs of up to 200 percent.

In addition, President Clinton had announced \$300 million in tax credits for companies hurt by the dumping, but industry and union officials were extremely critical of the measures.

However, there have been recent signs that the Clinton administration is taking the problem more seriously, and some foreign companies have dramatically reduced imports into this country.

The steel mills and related industries employ about 3,000 people locally.

"It's a very serious problem for Granite City, and for that matter it's very serious for surrounding communities," Bush said. "Only about 40 percent of employees that are working at Granite City Steel actually receive their mail in Granite City. Sixty percent of our work force is imported from neighborhood communities."

The other major concern is the possible closing of the Price base. But while that would not be pleasant, there is also a great deal of potential for development.

The U.S. Army Materiel Command, which "owns" the base, is preparing a "Record of Excess," which could lead to its closure.

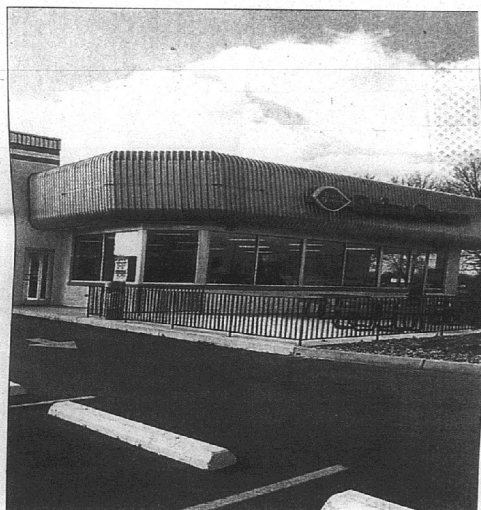
The ROE is an internal military process through which the military decides what to do with a base that has fallen below a certain personnel threshold. The Army Materiel Command no longer wants to pay the more than \$12 million in annual costs of keeping the base open when it uses only a small portion of the base.

The ROE is different from the BRAC, or Base Realignment and Closure, which the base narrowly avoided in 1995, because a BRAC cannot occur without Congressional legislation. A Record of Excess doesn't need further legislation to close a base.

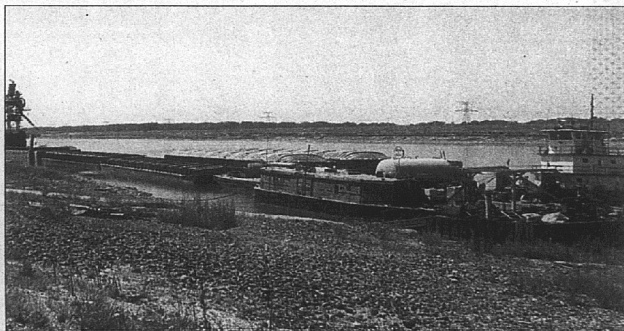
Another major difference is that under BRAC, local communities received federal assistance; none is normally offered under an ROE.

Only 28 percent of the base is used by the Materiel Command. Other major users are the U.S. Navy, which has a billion-dollar tool and die storage facility; the U.S. Army Reserve, which trains part-time soldiers at the center; the U.S. Air Force, which houses some of its personnel there; and the U.S. Coast Guard, which conducts some of its river operations out of the base.

"My position has always been that I'm adamantly opposed to the closure of any defense facility because the transition is very painful for the



Above, among recent Granite City projects is the new Dairy Queen. Below, the Tri-City Regional Port District continues to be a major force in the area.



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community," Bush said. "However, it seems like it's inevitable that the Granite City depot will close because it doesn't fit into the long-range plans of the Department of Defense."

While still opposed to closing the base, local municipalities and agencies have been positioning themselves to take advantage of the situation if it does.

The Granite City, Venice and Madison city councils have all approved measures seeking to have the base property transferred to the Tri-City Port Authority in the event of a closure.

"The port is the logical entity to obtain and oversee future development for a number of reasons," Bush said.

He said the Port District has the people and expertise to develop the property and the district adjoins the base.

"There should be less struggle politically because each of the cities appoints a member to the Board of Directors," Bush said.

Despite concerns about the base and steel industry, Bush said things are going well for the area.

"Putting the steel crisis and Price Base aside, we have enjoyed, and I still expect that there will be, continued expansion of service-type industries," he said.

One of several things to happen over the past year was the acquisition of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad property near Illinois 3 for an

industrial park.

"I think that was a step in the right direction," he said. He also said there appears to be increased cooperation among the municipalities in the Tri-City area.

Speculatively, he said the agreement between the cities of Madison, Granite City and Venice over the annexation of Chouteau Island and related properties was a very good sign.

That shows the willingness of all the entities involved to compromise and to coordinate," he said. "That was a very important highlight of last year."

As part of the agreement, Granite City will be allowed to annex the Tri-City Port District property, while Madison gets everything on Chouteau Island.

All of the communities also agreed to support Granite City in annexing federal property east of the canal and Madison annexing federal property west of the canal.

Most of that is Corps of Engineers property, and would require permission of all affected municipalities — as well as an act of Congress — to annex. So far, the municipalities have not made a major push for those annexations.

Bush also said small- and medium-sized businesses will have "significant impact" on the economic health in the area.

"There's no question about it," he said. "I haven't had a large development that begins to compare to the larger industries that were already here."

"I think we are seeing continued growth in service-type companies that take raw materials from Granite City Steel and take them one step forward," he said.

He said such companies will be attracted to the area because of its central location and transportation infrastructure.

Outside of Granite City, Gateway International Raceway in Madison continues to have a major impact on the area.

This year, GIR is adding lights to the oval track for night racing, additional seating and other improvements. GIR plans to run the NASCAR Busch Grand National and Craftsman Truck series races on Saturday nights this year.

Within the next few years, they hope to be able to seat 100,000 fans on the oval track. The 100,000 mark is the "magic number" needed to attract a Winston Cup Series race, the top flight of NASCAR racing.

In part because of the racetrack, the city of Madison is seeing other development, and is taking steps to improve the city.

It has undergone a massive demolition program, and city officials are now trying to attract businesses to the area.

In Pontoon Beach, development continues along Illinois 111, and a number of business parks including a 90-acre development in the Gateway Commerce Center — have been approved for final platting or discussed by the Village Board.

Southwestern Illinois enjoys another banner growth year

And 1999 promises to be even better

By Jim Pennekamp

By all accounts, 1998 was a banner year for Southwestern Illinois. Private investment in Madison and St. Clair counties topped \$1 billion as investors discovered St. Louis' East County.

Just as 1998 built upon 1997 in terms of economic expansion, 1999 promises to continue the trend.

Our region has seen a dramatic increase in economic activity in the past few years. In part, the reason is the national economic expansion.

Another reason is that we have spent the past five years actively marketing our area as St. Louis' East County.

That effort, coupled with the national economy's strength has driven growth in our region. For example, the investment in the Dial Madison County Distribution Center by a Chicago-based Center Point Properties Real Estate Investment Trust emboldened other developers to look at Southwestern Illinois as an ideal place to do business.

Now, we have the \$95 million Fountains at Fairview, the \$30.5 million Casino Queen expansion, a \$8 million expansion at Gateway International Raceway, and the \$350 million Houston Industries/Equilon Wood River Refining Company power plant project.

New firms like Holten Meat Co., MidAmerica Fiber Co., R&L Carriers and Stellar Manufacturing are building in Southwestern Illinois. The list goes on and on.

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The basic driving force behind all of this development is transportation. Interstate 255 in Illinois is doing what Interstate 270 did in St. Louis County. It is creating opportunities for commerce. It is linking us with the economic engine of St. Louis County. And, because St. Louis County is running out of real estate to develop, I-255 makes Illinois a viable and economical alternative.

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In 1999, we can look forward to the marketing of MidAmerica Airport, the nation's newest airport, an increase in visitors to Gateway International Raceway, continued development in the warehouse distribution/manufacturing sectors, increased growth in

the service sector, low unemployment and high investment by developers.

Concerns for 1999 carry over from 1998. We will continue to have to fight for transportation infrastructure funding, workforce issues must be addressed and the threat of military base closure will continue.

We can address these problems as a region, provided we all work together toward that goal. We have in the past and I believe we will continue to do so in the future.

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Nornberg's, a Madison institution for 85 years, offers customers top-notch clothing at reasonable prices. The store operates from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays.

After 85 years in business, Nornberg's still going strong

Nornberg's, located at 307 Madison Ave., has been serving residents of Madison and surrounding counties in Illinois for more than 85 years. And still, the business is going strong, says owner Francis Nornberg.

Nornberg's, which was started by Francis's parents in 1913, is a men's and women's clothing store. It originally was begun as a men's clothing store by her dad, who also ran a shoe repair shop.

When the women in the family got involved, we started carrying women's clothes, too," says Nornberg.

Nornberg's women's apparel includes dresses, two-piece suits, slacks, blouses, sweaters, lingerie, purses, scarves, gloves, sleepwear and shoes. The store also carries a large selection of men's clothing, including dress pants, dress shirts, jackets, work

clothes, carpenter's jeans, uniform pants and shirts, belts, underwear, hats, caps, socks, and shoes.

Although the store used to carry men's top coats, top hats and suits, they no longer stock these items, according to Nornberg.

While many stores today choose to stock a wide array of merchandise, Nornberg prefers to continue offering what the store has always offered — men's, women's, and large-sized clothing. "I'll stick with what I have," Nornberg said.

For both men and women, Nornberg's carries an extensive selection of large-sized clothing. "At one time, we were known for this — most places didn't carry large sizes," Nornberg said.

"The customers still count on us for carrying these sizes," Nornberg's pricing is

moderate, says its owner. "We give them good quality merchandise at good prices. We don't give it away, but it's not really expensive, either."

Francis Nornberg, who has owned the store since 1952, attributes much of the business's success to its customers. "Our customers are nice people. And they seem to be pleased with the service and the merchandise we offer them," Nornberg said.

Overall, it's the customers that make it worthwhile, says Nornberg. "We really appreciate our customers, and their continued loyalty and patronage of Nornberg's," Nornberg said.

The store's hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

O'Fallon's Schwarz Furniture still going strong at 100

Schwarz Furniture, located at 225 W. First in O'Fallon, is still going strong after more than 100 years in business.

Schwarz Furniture has been providing Illinois residents with fine furnishings and carpeting since it was founded by the Schwarz family, from Germany. Their store covered only 820 square feet, with furniture shipped in on freight wagons from St. Louis, and deliveries made in wheelbarrows.

The original inventory consisted of dry sinks, felt mattresses, headboards, and chests of drawers. Because the store's area, and selection, were so small, customers generally only had a choice of two different sofas from which to choose their purchases. It was only at the turn of the

century that horse-and-buggy delivery replaced the wheelbarrows.

Now, more than 100 years later, Schwarz Furniture bears the same name, but little resemblance to the days of two-sofa selection. There are six floors of furniture and carpet displays, and two

warehouses. One of the four stories tall, also has a customer showroom.

In 1946, Clyde "Tex" Glenn started in the business as an employee, working under his father-in-law, Leonard Schwarz. In 1950, Glenn and his brother-in-law took over.

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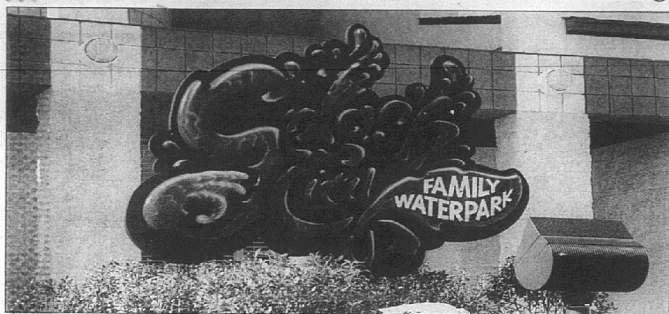
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Madison Dairy Queen provides top-notch treats, customer service

At the Dairy Queen at 665 McCambridge in Madison, the customer service is what keeps people coming back for more. According to Jay Flieg, who, along with his wife, Ruth, owns the Madison Dairy Queen, the employees' terrific service makes all the difference to his customers.

"I've been very lucky with employees. I have a good crew with good managers," Flieg said. "Also, I screen employees very well. I think the customer service is much better than it's been before." This Dairy Queen location has made a great turnaround in the past 3 years, since the Fliegs have owned it. While the Dairy Queen has been in this neighborhood for nearly 30 years, says Flieg, previous franchise owners in the past 10 years haven't seen much success with the business.

However, for the Fliegs, it has been a wise and enjoyable venture into the world of ice cream.

"We are here at all times,"

says Flieg, acknowledging this success is partially due to his vigilance with the store. "I work 70 to 80 hours a week. We're here, and we care about what happens with the business."

In just the past year, says Flieg, the business has seen an increase of 25 percent. Customer loyalty is also quite strong at this location, says Flieg.

"We have a lot of regular customers that come in, and many new customers that keep coming back after their first time here." Customers also appreciate the store's newly remodeled interior, says Flieg. "I put in a new floor, new ceiling, I repainted the outside and inside, and there are some new tables," Flieg said.

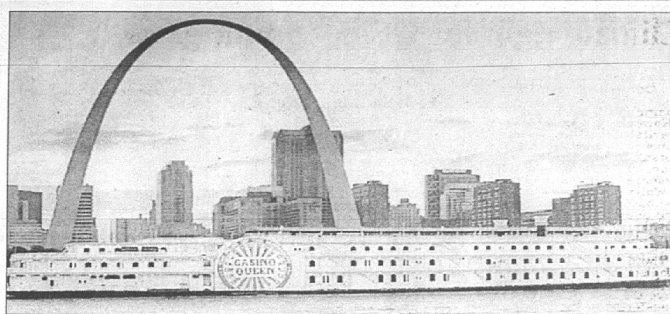
Extra security lights keep the parking lot very well-lit, says Flieg.

The McCambridge Dairy Queen sponsors several local athletic teams and also gives discounts to teams that come

in to the store after their games.

Dairy Queen's ice cream selections are many: The 'Royal' treats, including the Peanut Buster Parfait (vanilla ice cream, layered with hot fudge and Spanish peanuts), the Banana Split (bananas, pineapple, strawberries, chocolate, and whipped cream) and Chocolate Rock (hot fudge and almonds topped with cone coating, in layers with vanilla ice cream); Blizzards, in a variety of flavors, including Snickers, Oreo cookie, cheesecake, Reese's Peanut Butter cups, Hawaiian, and Tropical. Other ice cream choices include shakes, sundaes, cones, floats, and freezes.

In addition to ice cream, this Dairy Queen also includes more substantial fare, including hamburgers, cheeseburgers, fish sandwiches, chicken and steak baskets, French fries, hot dogs, and pork tenderloins.



Home of the loosest slots

The Casino Queen, East St. Louis' riverboat casino, has become a symbol of the revitalization of East St. Louis since its arrival. The Queen boasts the loosest slot machines on either side of the Mississippi, with a payback of more than 99 percent.

As Zoo exhibits improve, so does its attendance

By Eric Aplyn
Correspondent

The year 1998 was very good for the St. Louis Zoo.

It was, in fact, the best year ever for the Zoo, with more than 2.9 million visitors, many of who came repeatedly to see the new Childrens Zoo, said St. Louis Zoo director Charles Hoessle.

Other new projects make the outlook for 1999 very good, as well. Recent visitors to the St. Louis Zoo may have seen bulldozers on the prowl between the enormous mounds of earth behind the Elephant House.

An ambitious new project called The River's Edge will dominate the southwestern quarter of the Zoo. Starting this summer, visitors will follow winding waterways that immerse them in exhibits styled after the riverside habitats of elephants, cheetahs, hyenas and mongoose. And that is just Phase 1, according to Zoo assistant director Bob Boever. Standing on a fresh mound of dirt in the construction zone, he watched the elephants in the distance as they watched the bulldozers track back and forth, and he reeled off a roster of other future Zoo dwellers: black rhinoceros, bushdogs, capybara, warhogs, giant anteaters, carmine bee-eaters, gharial, hippopotamuses.

"The River's Edge is the Zoo's first major

landscape immersion project," said Boever, stepping carefully along the edge of a pit that will become home to dwarf mongoose. "You are not just looking, but immersed in the exhibit. All the scenery gives the appearance of being in the habitat itself."

What this means for visitors is that they will see very few walls, since the waterways become the barriers. In fact, they will see very little of any building in the River's Edge. Artful landscaping will disguise most of the structures.

This commitment to reducing the presence of concrete and asphalt has transformed the center of the Zoo in the past year as well. The Central Walk renovation has created picnic areas in green spaces and added new landscaping, shade trees, shrubs and other plants.

A sense of environmental awareness also guides the latest projects. The second phase of the River's Edge project will include River Camp, which will model some features of Missouri topography.

"Walking through the River's Edge you see all these animals that live along the river. But in St. Louis, we also live along the river, at the confluence of two rivers. It is very critical to our environment...and in River Camp we try to make that point," Boever said.



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From left, Susan Downs, John Ulaquey and Reneta Valkova of Granite City's Pony Mailbox.

Pony Mailbox provides solutions for home-based small businesses

As more and more Americans find that working in the home is the ideal choice, Pony Mailbox is keeping with the times.

John Ulaquey, owner of Pony Mailbox, sees the need that home-based and small businesses have for mailing services, secretarial work, and other business-related jobs. In addition, Pony Mailbox is an authorized shipping outlet for Federal Express, United Parcel Service, and the United States Postal Service. They help customers with specialized mailing needs, with customized packaging and delivery, dependent on what the customer needs. "They tell us when they want to get it there, and we help them decide the best means of transportation," Ulaquey said. "Sometimes, it'd be better to send a package UPS, and other times, we would recommend U.S. Postal Service or Federal Express."

Pony Mailbox also offers private mailboxes, which are particularly useful for owners of home-based businesses who may be in a hurry to receive apackage or letter pertaining to a work project.

"We're geared for home-based businesses and smaller businesses by providing secretarial, typing, typesetting, faxing, business cards and so forth," Ulaquey said. "We're basically providing all the services workers normally receive from a major corporation." Pony Mailbox's customers appreciate this variety. "The diversity of our services is what keeps them coming back," Ulaquey said. "We are really filling the needs of the community which were not previously met."

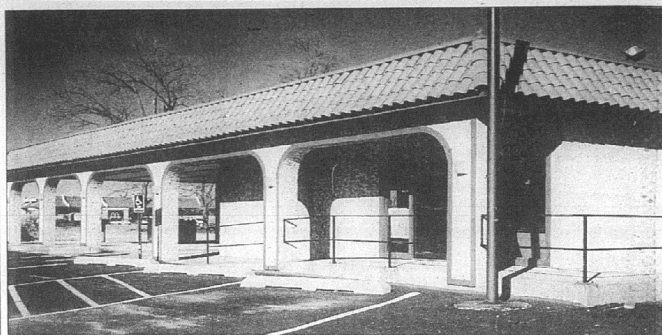
Pony Mailbox's large percentage of repeat business speaks for itself. Because their customers are treated as individuals, they are anxious

to return when another shipping or other office need arises.

As it grows, Pony Mailbox + is constantly keeping up with the times, in terms of customers' needs and technology. "We're always looking for ways to better service the customer," Ulaquey said.

Customer suggestions are sometimes implemented, says Ulaquey, who says that currently, computer access is being requested often. "We're looking at offering e-mail, which is something a lot of people need and is definitely keeping with the times," Ulaquey said. "It's not a simple thing to do. There are a lot of things to look into before we can implement that."

Pony Mailbox is located at 24 Nameoki Village in Granite City. Their hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.



Contributed photo
The Medicine Shoppe's new Granite City location at 1529 Johnson Road, the old Roosevelt Bank building next door to McDonald's.

Old-time values keep customers coming to The Medicine Shoppe

The Medicine Shoppe is an old-time apothecary, with old time values.

Each of the hometown pharmacy's employees lives in Granite City, says Medicine Shoppe owner Steve Burdge. Burdge, and his wife, Cathy, have owned the business since 1985.

The differences between the Medicine Shoppe and big chain pharmacies are many. "We're an old-fashioned apothecary shop; this type of pharmacy is going out of style," Burdge said.

Ninety-nine percent of the Medicine Shoppe's business is from prescriptions. Although the store does stock such items as vitamins and cough and cold remedies, their products are not among the wide range found at large chains.

"We offer prescriptions, with professional, fast, courteous service," says Burdge.

The Medicine Shoppe, which has only two pharmacists —

Burdge and Will Connolly — is known for its personalized service. "We're small, and people feel a little more comfortable coming here, knowing that one of the two of us will be working," Burdge said. "It's a big deal to them that they know us, and if they have a question, they don't have to ask a stranger (from a big-chain pharmacy) — they know us."

The small-town values keep customers coming back time and again, says Burdge. This same attitude keeps the employees happily coming back to work each day.

"I get the impression that most of the employees, because of the way we work together, don't feel this is so much of a job, but that we're a health-care team. This feeling carries over to the customers that come into the store," Burdge said.

Burdge's initiation with hometown apothecaries began

when he was a student in pharmacy school. After working an employee for two different small pharmacy owners, he went on to work for a larger chain store for seven years. "I realized that it was different, how people were handled by the large chain, as opposed to a small shop like this."

The Medicine Shoppe, currently located at 3575 Nameoki Road in Granite City, will be relocating at the end of March. The new location, at 1529 Johnson Road, is in the old Roosevelt Bank building next to McDonald's. The new location will be much more convenient for The Medicine Shoppe's customers in terms of location and better parking. The new Medicine Shoppe will also have a drive-through pharmacy.

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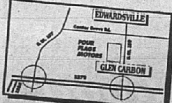
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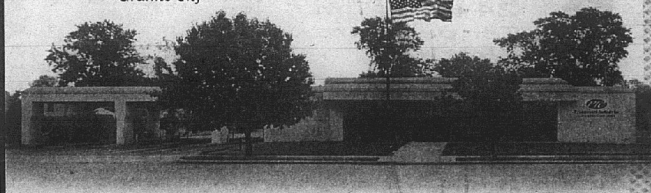
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Clean cars have class

Rain Tunnel Car Wash in Granite City and Edwardsville are two locations in one of the area's largest car wash chains. The automated car wash offers a variety of options, including the El Nino, which features a triple-coat polish and wax, to keep cars looking clean and neat.

GC Steel Credit Union helps membership in many ways

Granite City Steel Credit Union, which currently serves approximately 26,000 members, has been serving Granite City since 1941. Anyone who lives or works in the 62099 (Granite City) zip code is eligible for membership at Granite City Steel Credit Union.

Granite City Steel Credit Union is the largest locally owned financial institution in Granite City, according to Lou Bicanic. The union offers savings, checking, CDs, IRAs, mortgages, home equity loans, lines of credit, new and used auto loans, VISA cards, Christmas club accounts and signature loans for any need.

Granite City Steel Credit Union offers lower costs. Credit unions don't have the fees banks and other financial institutions have. "We're membership-owned. Typically, the credit union has charged less fees. We can offer all the products that regular banks do, but we give personalized services you'll never get at other financial institutions," says Bicanic.

"You can walk in the front door and ask to talk to the president of the credit union, and he'll talk to you." Granite City Steel Credit Union's main location is at 3970 Maryville Road in Granite City. Their branch location is at 20th and Lee streets, across from the Granite City Steel plant. Both branches have ATMs; another ATM is located at

Pontoon Road and Illinois 111.

Granite City Steel Credit Union's telephone center serves customers from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday. "You can transfer money, apply for a loan, anything you do that, doesn't involve cash transactions directly, you can do through our telephone center," says Bicanic. "You actually talk to a body."

All deposits are federally insured up to \$100,000 by the NCUA, National Credit Union Administration, the strongest federal deposit agency of the United States government. For more information, call 797-7993.

Surgery goes smoothly at St. Elizabeth Medical Center

There are so many artificial products in use today that one might long for the good old days of real metal in auto bodies, real meat in hamburgers and maybe real hair on William Shatner's head.

However, there are times when real is not good and artificial products may be better.

This could be true in the medical world, particularly in the area of artificial knee and hip joints. When these joints deteriorate, either due to injury or the arthritis that often follows, the resulting pain can be often be stopped by joint replacement surgery.

As unpleasant a choice as this may be to many, it is often the only choice. Barbara Thebeau, facilities management coordinator for St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City, and Granite City resident Liz Briggs recently had knee replacement surgery at St. Elizabeth. "I wasn't too happy with the thought of having an artificial knee," Thebeau said, "so I got a second opinion. They wanted to put off my surgery because they said since I was only 57, that I was a little bit young to have it done. I needed the surgery because I no longer had cartilage in my knee," she added. "By the

time I convinced myself to have surgery, I could no longer walk. I was working in a wheelchair and in constant pain."

Once scheduled for the surgery, Thebeau was educated on every aspect of the procedure. "They showed me videos showing exactly what to expect," she said, "what will be done, the rehabilitation, everything from beginning to end."

Briggs also sang the praises of the education provided by St. Elizabeth Medical Center staff members.

"They explained how everything worked," Briggs said. "They even explained what therapy would be involved after surgery, everything."

Briggs' nine-day hospital stay was longer than most because she had recently suffered a heart attack. "They told me that I'd have to use a walker for six weeks," she said, "but when I went home, I only used a cane. I psyched myself out to get back on my feet quickly." Briggs had her surgery on Dec. 16, 1997, and she was driving her car by Jan. 11.

Collinsville's Splash City preparing for second season of operations

Collinsville Area Recreation District's Splash City is preparing for its second season of operation.

"We are adding two new tents for parties and hiring around 70 people," said Splash City Aquatic Director Lori Fuller.

In addition, the boat pond will be up and running in time for the water park's May 29 opening. Splash City, the area's first public water facility, opened July 11 last year when a wet winter and spring delayed its anticipated Memorial Day opening.

But even with the park's

shortened season, around 35,700 visitors the park's family-oriented activities and interactive water environment.

The \$4.7 million facility is located on 12 acres of land in Eastport Plaza. The park features a play area, sand volleyball court, toddler pool, main activity pool, water playground, interactive water features, and concession stands. The CARD offices and activity rooms are also located at the park.

Discounted season passes available to park district residents will be on sale until Feb. 26. Season passes for those in the district are on sale

at the CARD office for \$235 for a family of four and an additional \$20 per extra family member. An individual season pass will cost \$85. The price reflects a savings of more than 25 percent.

After Feb. 26, passes will cost \$275 for families and \$95 for individual passes in the district. Effective May 1 through 28, passes increase to \$295 for a family of four and \$105 for individuals in the district.

Regular season passes from May 29 through July 4 will cost \$325 for a family of four and \$125 for an individual, for district residents only.

Unity Hospice helps seriously ill people

Unity Hospice and Unity Home Care are two separate companies sharing the same address at 8787 State St. in Edgemont.

The office was established in March 1995 and has been directed by Deborah Steinbaker since then.

Unity Home Care offers nursing and therapy services in the home, under a physician's direction, for short-term, skilled care needs. It offers skilled nursing care, nursing aide and homemaker assistance, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and medical social services.

Unity Hospice provides a full range of hospice services to people with a life-limiting illness. Services are provided to patients residing in their own homes

or in nursing facilities. Unity Hospice provides medical and nursing care, social service and spiritual counseling, volunteer support and bereavement counseling. In addition, Unity provides medications, supplies and equipment that are related to the comfort care of patients with terminal illness.

Unity Hospice treats its patients and their loved ones as a unit, providing spiritual support and counseling, family support, volunteers and follow-up bereavement counseling. Its social services staff makes the necessary connections to other agencies from which the patients and families may be entitled to receive

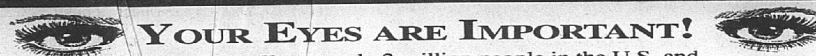
services.

The sister companies are actively involved in many areas of the community, including senior centers, community centers, churches and banks. They provide free blood pressure screening clinics at several sites throughout the communities of St. Clair and Madison counties. They also sponsor or participate in many health fairs, birthday parties and bingo events.

Unity Hospice has received the City of East St. Louis Mayor's Proclamation and is a member of the Greater East St. Louis Community Health and Senior Services Consortium, and the Chamber of Commerce.

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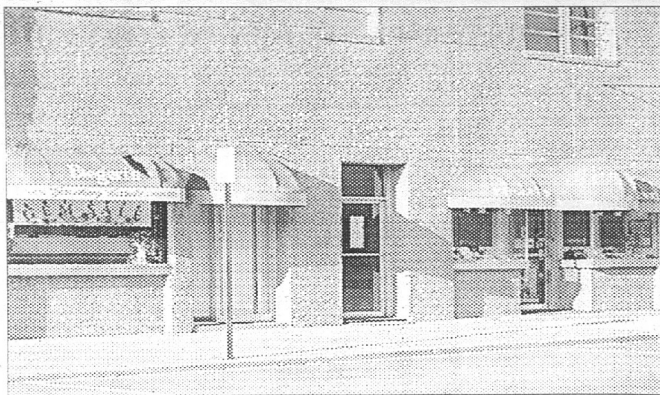
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Biegert's Jewelry in Collinsville is an anchor of the downtown area.

Biegert's alive and well in Collinsville

Biegert's Jewelry, 113 W. Main St., is alive and well and looking better than ever in the heart of downtown Collinsville.

Visitors will notice a change in the exterior of the building. A new canopy adorns the front. Inside, there is a brightly lit showroom with many displays of elegant jewelry throughout the store. If there is no street parking available, customers can park in the well-lit parking lot at the rear of the store.

Biegert's is the only Collinsville store with a bench jeweler on the premises, and that's Terry Biegert. He personally sees to the custom designing and crafting of

jewelry, and to any necessary jewelry repairs, such as ring sizing, diamond resetting and retipping. Rings are gladly cleaned and inspected anytime at no charge. Biegert also handles watch and clock repair, including overhauling, cleaning, and battery replacement.

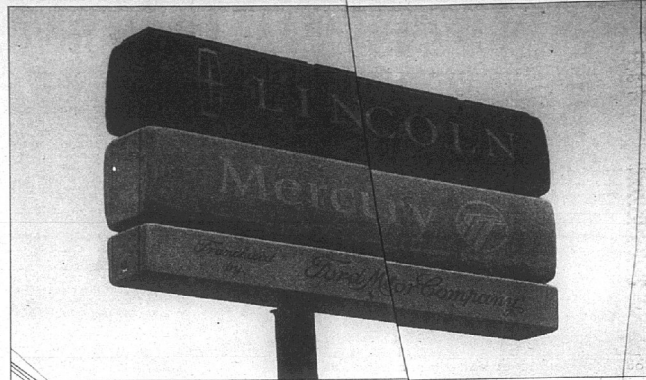
The store features watch lines from Deiko, Pulsar, Wittnauer, Bulova, and Bel Aire and clocks from Seiko, Linden, and Bulova.

Biegert's continues to carry a wide assortment of jewelry lines from Art Carved, Allison Kaufman, Goldmans, Levi Corp., and Henry Dankner as well as a selection of Italian

yellow and white gold chain, bracelets, bangles, and Cheri Dori sterling silver chains, earrings, and pendants.

Biegert's is pleased to announce its special remount sale set for Feb. 20 through March 3, with 30 percent off. Let Terry Biegert help you design a whole new look for your diamonds or colored stones. Shop Biegert's Jewelry for the tremendous selection and personal service, and remember custom designing is Biegert's specialty.

Biegert's was voted the No. 1 Jewelry Shop in the 1997 and 1998 Collinsville Journal Readers Poll.



Premier Lincoln Mercury hopes to continue its tradition of providing quality service under new owner Butch Peterson.

Premier Lincoln still growing

By Alene Hill
Correspondent

Butch Peterson, along with business partners, Nick Nicols of Iowa and David Stephens of Texas, bought Premier Lincoln Mercury, 1811 Vandalia, from longtime Collinsville businessman Elmer Molitor.

Since buying the dealership in October, Peterson has been busy remodeling the building and adding to inventory.

Peterson said he plans to maintain the service and reputation Molitor established. "Most of the employees stayed with us," Peterson said.

"And of course, we plan to continue the good service Elmer offered in his 45 years of business in this community."

Before coming to Collinsville, Peterson accumulated 22 years in the automobile business as a salesman and owner of three dealerships.

Before entering the automobile industry, Peterson earned his degree while working as a production foreman at Granite City Steel.

Peterson said he is looking

Shirley Valencia photo

providing quality service

forward to the Lincoln pick-up truck, still in the works.

But has several popular models he has in stock, including the Lincoln Navigator and the newly redesigned Cougar.

In addition to an extensive inventory of new and used cars, Premier features a service department with qualified, experienced technicians.

For information, call 343500.

Maryville's Anderson Hospital expands facilities, services for a changing metro region

By Alene Hill
Staff writer

As Anderson Hospital expands services, it continues to grow in both size and respect. The Anderson Hospital

family takes pride in becoming this area's health-care provider of choice.

Through the past year alone, the hospital has completed a 6,300-square-foot addition to the Women's Pavilion. The

addition houses 10 new mother/baby suites, a day-room and expanded staff areas.

Renovations of the original ER department completed the \$1.6 million project, which

expanded and improved the ER to accommodate the patient volumes that are in excess of 25,000 patients per year.

An after-hours urgent care, Glennon Care for Kids,

became available last July to provide a team approach to urgent pediatric care with a pediatrician of the Glennon Care Pediatric Associates working closely with the child's primary physician.

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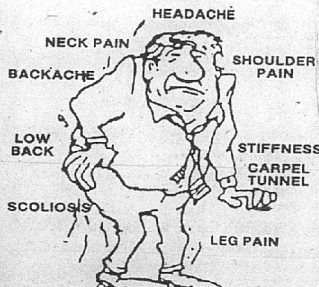
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Body Boutique in Madison offers body wraps guaranteed to take inches off.

Body Boutique wraps make the inches come off

Body Boutique, at 1346 Madison Ave. in Madison, has been wrapping with their customers since January of 1998.

At Body Boutique, what is known as "the original body wrap," designed by Victoria Morton in 1989, is their specialty. The customer is wrapped tightly from head to toe (with the face left unwrapped) with an Ace bandage soaked in a high-grade, all-natural mineral solution.

The wrap stays on for an hour, and after that hour, customers are guaranteed a loss of 6 to 20 inches. The average loss per customer is 18 inches. Although some customers have dropped actual pounds because of being wrapped, weight loss is not necessarily a part of the process.

"You're not losing water weight. The wrap is pulling out toxins — not water — from your body," says Body Boutique owner Debbie Economy.

For customers who desire more work on a particular place on their bodies, Body Boutique wrappers can make this happen, too. However, it is necessary that the entire body is wrapped in order to prevent the toxins' traveling to the unwrapped area of the body. The toxins in some people's bodies are so great that the toxins visibly pour from their hands and feet. "For cancer patients, and those going through chemotherapy, we actually have to put bags on their hands and feet, because the toxins are pouring out (in significant amounts)," says Economy.

Once the body is wrapped, the person is given a

half-length poncho to clothe herself and to keep warm. The next hour is spent with the wrappee in motion, walking or just moving around. "The circulation is important in making it work," Economy said.

The loss of inches is guaranteed if the customer maintains the same weight. After reaching the desirable size, it takes about two wraps a year to maintain that size. Body Boutique's wraps are offered at \$65 each. During the week of February 21 to 27, wraps will be offered at a special discount of 2 for \$85. At this time, extra wraps may be purchased and used at a later date.

Hours are by appointment only, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 452-2900.

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Debbie Economy
Body Boutique

Johnson's Floor offers wide selection for every room

For anyone building, remodeling or looking to update worn carpeting, linoleum or tile, Johnson's Floor Covering offers a wide selection for every room of the house.

Johnson's located at 8110 Collinsville Road, features quality floor coverings from well-known manufacturers and in first-grade quality. Johnson's, established in 1968, offers a variety of carpeting, from luxurious deep-pile carpet for the home

to wear-resistant carpet for commercial application in a rainbow of colors suitable for any decorating scheme. In addition to carpeting, the store features hardwood flooring, available in plank, strip or parquet. Long-wearing, stain-resistant, easy-care linoleum and no-wax vinyl flooring are also there in many colors and patterns. Experienced sales people can tell customers about the qualities, advantages and proper care of each type of

flooring.

Because of its large selection, low prices, and helpful personnel, Johnson's Floor Covering is the smart consumer's floor covering headquarters. Stop in soon to browse through the extensive showroom, and see why Johnson's was chosen as the #1 carpeting/flooring store in the Collinsville Journal's 1997 and 1998 Readers Poll. Major credit cards are accepted.

For more information, call 345-5666.

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Johnson's Floor Coverings has a wide selection for customers to choose from.

Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation brings small miracles to East St. Louis

Sometimes, hard work can bring about little miracles. The Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation, headquartered at 8080 State St., an organization founded in 1985 to bring health care to the poverty-stricken areas of East St. Louis, has brought about a number of those little miracles.

In the last eight years alone, the organization has cut the infant mortality rate by more than 80 percent, has slashed the number low birth weight

babies by 49 percent in only four years, has increased the number of two-year olds immunized by 54 percent over five years, and has increased access to medical care for residents by 34 percent annually over nine years.

"I think it has been phenomenal what we have been able to do — to cut the infant mortality, and reduce the low birth weights," said Larry McCulley, director of information.

The Southern Illinois

Healthcare Foundation has brought care and treatment to more than 27,000 households in the region by providing access, especially to women and children, via nine area care facilities. The center serves 30,000 patients per year.

The organization has spearheaded programs that have increased prenatal care to expectant mothers, and has even started a transportation program to make sure that everyone has access to a physician.

Their work is beginning to get recognized. Recently, the Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation has received two prestigious awards and grants.

In late January, the organization was named runner-up for the Monroe E. Trout Premier Cares Award, an award spotlighting working programs that aid the medically underserved.

As one of only five runners-up out of 217 nominated groups, the

organization received \$24,000 to apply toward its goals.

Even more impressive, Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation has been named a finalist for the Foster G. McGraw Prize, and will receive \$10,000.

"It is probably the most prestigious awards among hospitals in the U.S.," McCulley said.

The prize is presented each year by the Baxter Allegiance Foundation and the American Hospital Association. It is

intended to award health-care organizations that offer innovative programs to increase medical access for the community.

While the organization is proud of the awards, the financial benefit is even more rewarding. The Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation operates on an annual budget of only \$6 million.

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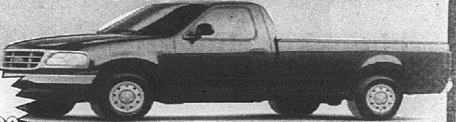
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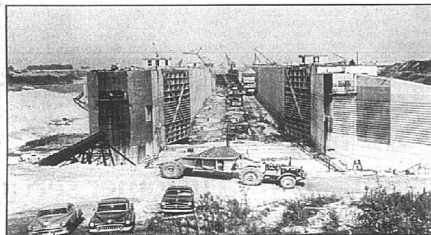
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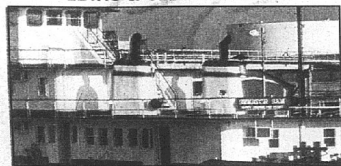
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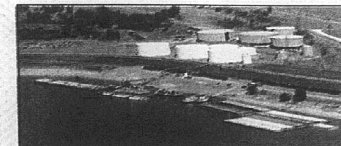
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Lewis & Clark Marine services the entire St. Louis Harbor and Inland River Marine industry with a fleet of eleven (11) boats. Boats and barge fleets are strategically located near the industrial areas of St. Louis, Granite City, Hartford, Wood River and Alton to provide for timely movement of barges. Lewis & Clark serves the marine industry, by providing the services of switching barges from their mooring locations (fleets) to be loaded and unloaded as well as building tows for the large vessels that travel the entire Inland River System.

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Petroleum Fuel & Terminal operates the Port's public liquid terminal. This modern facility, capable of handling many types of bulk liquid products, consists of a tank farm, rail and truck loading racks and a dock barge for the storage and transferring of products from barges, rail cars and trucks.

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LaRoche Industries, Inc. operates a dry and liquid fertilizer storage and shipment facility at Tri-City Port. LaRoche Industries, Inc. is a basic producer of nitrogen fertilizer products. In addition to an office building and a truck scale, the facility includes three 7,500-ton capacity and two 10,000-ton capacity dry fertilizer, bulk storage domes and flat storage for 6,000 tons. The system also contains three load-out conveyors for truck distribution. Three liquid fertilizer 1,000,000 gallon storage tanks are also available for loading to truck or back to barge.

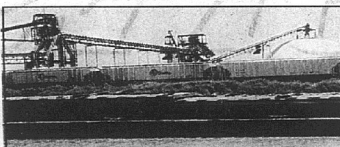
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Construction near completion in the Port's Harbor Side Industrial Park of new joint venture steel processing plant between National Steel and Robinson Steel. The Granite City Division of National Steel will be the sole supplier of hot rolled products to National Robinson L.L.C. and provide marketing and sales services. Robinson will be responsible for daily operations and will provide labor for the plant. The plant will produce 200,000 tons of steel sheets and plates each year. The sheets and plates are designed for use in pre-engineered steel building, tractors and other farm equipment.

BULK SERVICE



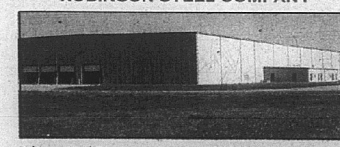
Bulk Service is engaged in the business of transferring dry bulk materials from truck and rail to barge. Bulk Service is a service company that does not take title to or manufacture any products. The primary commodities handled are grain and grain-by-products (animal feed) that are exported through the Gulf Of Mexico. Bulk Service offers its customers, state of the art facilities and is capable of handling any type of bulk commodity. Typical commodities handled at Bulk Service originate in the Midwest (IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, MO) as well as the Great Plains (KS, NE, ND, SD) and terminate in Asia, Europe, South America and Australia.

THE DELIVERY NETWORK, INC.



The Delivery Network is a multifaceted company providing complete product handling, warehousing, transportation and delivery services. The Delivery network operates two (2) of the Port District's four (4) public warehouses and provides the day to day operations of Foreign Trade Zone #31.

ROBINSON STEEL COMPANY



Robinson Steel Company operates a 100,000 sq. ft. state of the art steel processing plant on a 10.67 acre site in Harbor Side Industrial Park. The plant utilizing the "FPS" continuous cold reduction mill, processes hot rolled coiled steel to produce premium quality, thickness controlled flat steel. Robinson serves industries producing farm and construction equipment and other industries utilizing steel products requiring premium steel sheet.

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Mid-Coast Terminal Company, operates the General Commodities Dock at the Port. Mid-Coast utilizes two (2) cranes that are capable of unloading any type of commodity from finished goods to raw materials from and to barges, rail cars and trucks. Mid-Coast receives material from throughout North America and the World. Mid-Coast supplies the Greater St. Louis Industrial Market with steel and steel products, raw materials such as ores and alloys and metals such as copper, tin, zinc and aluminum. Also Mid-Coast performs loading and unloading of various finished products to and from the region as well. Mid-Coast also handles the fertilizer for its neighbor at the Port LaRoche Industries.

GRANITE CITY STEEL DIVISION



Granite City Steel Division operates a private cargo dock within the Port. In addition to inbound raw materials, the Port serves as an export shipment point for coiled and sheet steel from Granite City Steel Company as well as for shipment of steel products such as rail components and other fabricated steel materials. Two 100 plus ton cranes are located on the dock. Granite City Steel Company upgraded a portion of its dock-front track with 132' rail and has a dedicated switch engine to serve the docks.

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Jan's Hallmark busy keeping customers — and workers — happy

Hallmark cards are for people who care enough to send the very best, as the saying goes. Marsha Lowery, manager of the Jan's Hallmark Store at 19 Crossroads Plaza, agrees.

The Granite City store is one of eight Jan's Hallmark stores in southern Illinois, and was the first one to open. Lowery has worked at this Jan's Hallmark location for six years, and says that the innovative merchandise and the pleasant customers help the job stay fresh and give her incentive to do her very best.

Owner Don Tschannen Jr. believes that he also owes his Hallmark customers the very best he can provide in service and quality.

"Consumer confidence is a gift," he said. "When the customer comes to us their set of expectations to be met. If we don't meet them, then the consumer confidence is lost."

That probably doesn't happen much, though, considering that in the fall of 1998 Hallmark ranked his eight stores number one in 23 states, or the central district. The ranking was based on best practice retailing and customer feedback in the 5-9 store category.

Tschannen and his wife, Rosemarie, own eight of the Jan's Hallmark stores together, and the stores have recently been branded as

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Don Tschannen Jr.
Owner, Granite City Jan's Hallmark

Hallmark Gold Crown stores as well. Obviously, people are pretty happy shopping at them. The Tschannens began their odyssey of stores in 1983, when Don Tschannen Sr. purchased his first store in Granite City with his father, Don Tschannen. In 1989, the elder Tschannen, having had years of experience working and owning Ben Franklin stores in Highland and Mascoutah, came to work at Jan's Hallmark.

Although his father retired in 1996, the younger Tschannen continued to purchase stores and run them with his wife Rosemarie.

He modestly cites his success as something as simple as making sure they provide the customers with what they came in for. "We try to make sure we're meeting and exceeding customer expectation," Tschannen said.

"We make sure our relationship with each

customer is nurtured so that the customers feel like they're getting more than just the product they purchased."

The Tschannens seem to understand their customer base well. After all, "it takes years to gain a good customer, and just seconds to lose one." However, part of their success is making sure the employees are in a good working environment as well, since an unhappy employee isn't going to provide stellar service to anyone.

"I'll side with the customer 99.9 percent of the time. The only time I don't is when I find they're abusing our people. Then I'll step in."

The strategy works, and he is openly proud of the people, such as Marsha Lowery, with whom he works.

"When customers see me on the street or in restaurants, I get such positive feedback from them," Tschannen said. "They stress that they love the



Happy clerks and teddy bears greet a customer at Jan's Hallmark store.

people there, not just the store."

Being a store that sells gifts and cards that turn up people's deepest feelings, it's no surprise that the business is an emotional one.

"This business is unique," Tschannen said. "We get to make people feel good."

Hallmark cards help people express their emotions, and

it's also unique in that the stores don't sell anything people absolutely need, but things they want. This April, the stores will focus on giving back to the community by focusing on breast cancer awareness.

From April 18-May 2, Hallmark Gold Crown stores nationwide will sponsor "Cards for the Cure." Customers making a purchase at Jan's

Hallmark will be given a card designed by a Hallmark artist and breast cancer survivor.

Proceeds will go to the Susan G. Koman Foundation, a research group for breast cancer. This is especially appropriate, Tschannen said, since 90 percent of his customers are women. "We're just trying to give back to the community," Tschannen said.

Guardian Savings Bank carries on 80-year tradition of true hometown customer service

Since 1919, Guardian Savings Bank has enjoyed a tradition of providing true hometown banking service and solutions to their customers.

That tradition continues, according to Bank President James R. Seiz.

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having a bank account."

Seiz said that in the past two years, the bank has increased its accounts and service offerings to extend far beyond its traditional mortgage lending base.

"Today, more than ever, Guardian Savings Bank makes a difference as Granite City's hometown bank. All decisions are made here which results in a quicker response to our customers on loan matters, and we offer checking, savings, retirement planning

and other financial services with the highest level of personal banking service.

"Our customers quickly come to discover that hometown banking service indeed makes a difference."

The bank has recently re-elected two board members, lawyer Alan D. Walker and optometrist Mark Kleindorfer, both of whom have offices in Granite City.

Chairman of the Board Donald G. Adams approves. "Their contribution to the

success and direction of Guardian Savings Bank is significant, and as we prepare for the opportunities to serve in the new millennium, know that their continued leadership will serve our customers well."

Guardian Savings Bank showed total assets at year-end 1998 of \$37 million.

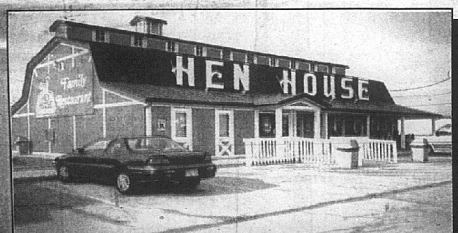
It operates from banking facilities on Niedringhaus Avenue and Nameoki Road in Granite City.




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The Dairy Queen at 665 McCambridge in Madison has been opened for 3 yrs. under new owner Jay Friege. Jay said to tell everyone to stop in and see why 'We Treat You Right'.

Mueller Furniture offers all decorating products, services

72 years of customer satisfaction has business in third generation

By LaRifa Heet
Correspondent

Mueller Furniture, 72 years strong in Belleville, continues in its tradition of satisfying customers.

Mueller Furniture, a family-owned business, was founded by John Mueller in 1927, and then passed along to his sons, Les and Roland. This tradition has now traveled to the third generation, under the leadership of Lynwood Mueller.

Although much of the original building was destroyed by fire in 1978, a new addition to the building has expanded it by 30,000 square feet.

With the additional room, Mueller has more display space for its fine furniture.

Mueller Furniture is well-known in Belleville for offering fine furniture, including name brands like Cochrane, Stanley, Lane, Lexington and Flexsteel, at the area's lowest prices.

A computerized catalog system allows Mueller to offer the best selection in furniture.

Mueller's salespeople have always provided expertise for choosing quality furniture for every room in the home.

Now, however, in addition to furniture selection, Mueller's decorator can help customers choose complementary comfort for their homes.

"Our complete decorating service includes window treatments, bed ensembles, and accessories," says Lynwood Mueller.

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Lynwood Mueller
Owner

Free design consultations are available with the decorator.

"She can help customers coordinate interior fashions for any room in the house," says Mueller.

"We feel we offer the best value by providing customers with quality furniture at reasonable prices, with extremely good service," says Mueller.

"The combination of those three things is what's kept us going for 72 years now." For more information about Mueller Furniture, call 233-0687.



Communication Concepts, 3006 S. Illinois 159, began as a provider of wireless services more than nine years ago.

Communication Concepts expands service

Cellular service now offers stereos, alarms and more

By Alene Hill
Correspondent

Communication Concepts, 3006 S. Illinois 159, began as a provider of wireless services more than nine years ago.

Today, in addition to Ameritech cellular and paging, Communication Concepts has expanded its services and product lines to include mobile products including radios, CD players, and chargers, amplifiers, speakers, custom enclosures, car alarms, keyless entry, remote starters and custom installations.

Remotely operated car starters and anti-carjacking units built into one — one of

the more recent additions to product lines — allows users to start their engine, turn on lights and unlock the doors, all from a cellular or landline phone.

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Communication Concepts is a member of the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce and a supporter of local schools and their sports teams with donations and advertising promotions.

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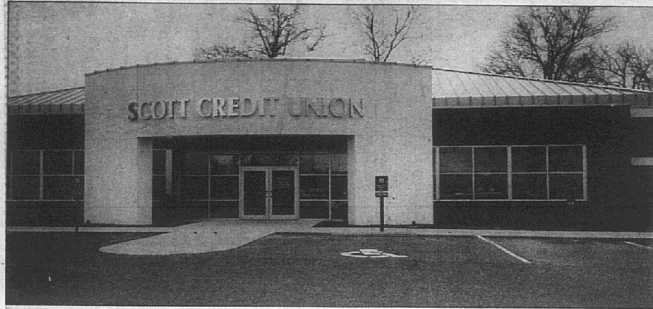
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Scott Credit Union largest institution in southern Illinois

Scott Credit Union, established more than 55 years ago, has grown to one of the largest credit unions in southern Illinois and is the fourth largest credit union in greater St. Louis. The SCU Collinsville office, which opened in March 1994, is one of five branches in southern Illinois that has expanded to include some 38,000 members worldwide and \$201 million in assets. Other locations include Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Fairview Heights and Granite City.

The member-owned financial institution offers low cost checking accounts, savings accounts, IRAs, as well as many other types of deposit accounts. On the loan side, SCU provides new and used auto loans, credit cards, and personal loans.

The mortgage department offers both conventional and VA loans, as well as lot and home equity loans.

All accounts are federally insured to \$100,000 by the

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Lobby hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesday, the lobby is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Drive up hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, the drive-up hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The ATM services are available 24 hours.



The Tri-Lab facility in Collinsville combines the laboratory resources of three major Metro-East hospitals, including St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. The facility offers lab work for hospitals and physicians throughout the region.

Three area hospitals combine laboratory services

By Alene Hill
Correspondent

Three area hospitals — St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Granite City, St. Anthony's Health Center in Alton and St. Elizabeth's Hospital of Belleville — have consolidated lab services by forming Tri-Lab Patient Service Centers. The consolidation is important for area patients and their doctors for several reasons, said Tri-Lab manager Randy Ward, who moved here from

Birmingham more than three years ago. "With 12 locations from Alton to Bethalto, we're working toward convenience," he said. "People in Illinois have local, yet super high-tech labs. And our locations appeal to managed care patients who complain about the turnaround." In addition to convenient locations for patients who need testing, consolidating hospital labs lowers the cost by doing testing in one location, at the Tri-Lab's

Collinsville location. "Each hospital offered a huge array of lab tests and that costs a lot," he said. "It's cheaper to consolidate the 60 to 70 tests at one place." Ward said the hospitals also benefit from the consolidation, with new state-of-the-art equipment and a new computer system. Future growth, he said, will focus on more Tri-Lab locations for easy access for even more patients, as well as expanding services into more doctors' offices.

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The showroom at the new Jack & Jill's furniture store in Granite City.

Jack and Jill's perseveres

New store reopens across alley from old building

By Dan Ladd
Correspondent

At catastrophe that would have laid most people low will not stop Jack and Jill's, a furniture store serving Granite City since 1993.

In the early morning hours of November 2nd, an unknown arsonist set fire to the building housing Jack and Jill's at 1261 Niedringhaus. The blaze completely gutted the three-story building, destroying it and the 23,000 square feet of showrooms inside.

To make matters worse, the inventory was not insured, leaving owner Roberta Barham facing a \$200,000 loss.

"We lost everything we had," Barham said. "The fire was so intense that it damaged several nearby buildings."

"We turned the corner five blocks down and the flames were shooting up all over the place," Barham said. "The firemen said they hadn't seen a fire that hot in a long time."

Today, when Barham talks about the old warehouse that she and her staff spent three years meticulously crafting into a showroom

to be proud of, you can feel her sense of loss.

However, Barham doesn't give up easily. "At 3:30 a.m. the night of the fire we were driving around looking for sites," she said. "I mean, we couldn't sleep, so we started looking for buildings."

She didn't have to go far. Jack and Jill's has officially reopened just across the alley from the old location, at 1909 Edison.

She credits the support from the community and Jack and Jill's suppliers for keeping the company going.

"It has been overwhelming with the people coming back," Barham said. "Our vendors have been awesome - which has to say something about the way we did business."

The staff is still working hard to bring Jack and Jill's back to its original glory - the building they're in now used to be a bank, and you can still see the drive up tellers' windows in one of the showrooms - and their inventory can't yet rival what was before. But, most of the showrooms are in place. And so is Barham's spirit.

"We're trying to show the people that we are going to come back," Barham said.

Gaslight accepting members

Gaslight Pool and Tennis Club, a private swim club with limited membership, is now accepting membership for the 1999 season.

The club features active lifetime family, yearly family, teen, individual and couple memberships with full club privileges. Tennis-only memberships are also available.

Members of Gaslight can enjoy a relaxed atmosphere in a beautiful rustic, wooded setting.

Gaslight is located in the Anderson Acres area. The club features a competition-sized swimming pool with a flame slide, a one-meter maxiflex dive board and a lap lane; a baby pool; two lighted tennis courts; a lighted sand volleyball court; and a rustic lodge with a full-service bar, color television, VCR, electronic darts and games for children.

The lodge is rent-free to members daily during normal open hours, and rentable by members at other times for card parties, birthdays, meetings, family pot lucks, weddings, receptions, reunions and baby showers. The club also offers private tennis and swimming lessons, and has three coaches: two for swimming and one for diving.

The Gaslight Pool and Tennis Club is also the home of the trophy-winning Gaslight Gator and Dive Team, the only swim team in Collinsville. The Gaslight Gators, who are approaching their 35th year of competition in the Southwestern Illinois Swim Association, have already produced one Olympic gold medalist: Tom Jager.

For membership information, call 344-0026.



John Swistak Jr. photo

Jim Hudson at Jim's Pawn & Jewelry.

Variety abounds Jim's

Merchandise always changing at shop

By Alene Hill
Correspondent

Jim's Pawn & Jewelry, located at 119 E. Main St. in Collinsville and 1901 State St. in Granite City, is owned by Jim Hudson.

The store carries an ever-changing variety of interesting pawned merchandise such as diamonds, Rolex watches, guns, tools, guitars and trombones, and compact discs. The stores also stock stereo equipment and are vendors for the Spiedel Watch Co. and Zippo Lighters.

Other services offered include collateral loans, estate purchasing and jewelry repair. The biggest draw, Hudson said, is the installation of

watch batteries for only \$1.99. Jim's Pawn and Jewelry opened in 1991. Two years after Hudson's Jewelry Inc., which was owned by Hudson's father, went out of business. His father, also named Jim Hudson, (but with a different last name), now works for his son four days a week at the Granite City location.

Hudson said his plans include expanding to a third location, possibly by next year. Jim's Pawn & Jewelry is a member of the Collinsville Chamber of Commerce. Business hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at both locations. Saturday hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Collinsville and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Granite City.

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TheBANK of Edwardsville strengthens commitment to customers

By Alene Hill
Correspondent

TheBANK of Edwardsville strengthened its commitment to customers throughout Madison County in 1998 and early this year with the opening of new bank buildings along Illinois Route 162 in Troy and on West Center Drive in Alton, the opening of a location in Bethalto and the introduction of free 24-hour Internet Banking.

TheBANK also announced plans to expand along Illinois 143 in Highland to offer safe deposit boxes and improved customer service with additional office space.

"We're committed to providing our customers throughout the region with

convenient, quality banking services," TheBANK President Robert A. Wetzel said. "We're pleased with our new buildings and to have made a further commitment to these local communities."

Early in 1999, TheBANK celebrated a grand reopening of its Montclair Center in Edwardsville. The center's remodeled lobby allows TheBANK to better serve customers at that location. TheBANK also introduced new hours at several locations beginning in January. The expanded lobby and drive-up hours will help TheBANK make its services even more convenient to customers.

TheBANK also added Pontoon Beach and Granite City locations late last year

when Omni Bank joined with TheBANK of Edwardsville. The merger provided customers in those communities with improved banking convenience, including 24-hour Internet Banking, ATM/Debit Cards and more.

TheBANK's new Troy Center, located next to the Troy Post Office, is a full-service banking center including a drive-up ATM, four drive-up lanes and safe deposit boxes.

TheBANK's new two-story structure in Alton is located at 4415 West Center Drive near Blockbuster Video. TheBANK also serves residents in the Alton area with a second location on Ridge Street in the downtown area.

TheBANK's new 8,000

square-foot Alton Center is a full-service banking center including a drive-up ATM, four drive-up lanes and safe deposit boxes.

Both of the new centers offer TheBANK's full line of services, including savings, personal checking, commercial checking and money market accounts; certificates of deposit; trust services; investment services; 24-hour phone banking; and a complete line of loans for every need.

Earlier in 1998, TheBANK opened a center in Bethalto at the intersection of Illinois 111 and Airport Drive near St. Louis Regional Airport. That full service center, which is one of 11 Centers TheBANK has throughout Madison County, also features a drive-up ATM and three drive-up lanes.

Customers of TheBANK now have access to their bank accounts — 24 hours a day,

seven days a week — from any computer with an Internet connection. With TheBANK's Magic Online, customers can view their account information, transfer money between accounts and even make loan payments right on their computer screen. Magic Online can be accessed through TheBANK's web site at www.thebank.com. The service is free — no set-up fee, no monthly charge — and is available to anyone with an account at TheBANK.

When it comes to being involved in the community, TheBANK has built a tradition of service that includes everything from having floats in parades to sponsorships of fund-raisers benefiting non-profit organizations. TheBANK's more than 300 employees have made a commitment to being involved in a variety of civic organizations. In TheBANK's 121-year history, its

employees have been involved in local Chambers of Commerce, Jaycees, Rotary, Kiwanis, Optimists, Lions Club, Business & Professional Women's Club, American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association.

"TheBANK's philosophy has always been to serve our customers through tradition, innovation and community service," Wetzel said. "Giving back to the community in which we serve has always been and will always be a priority for us."

TheBANK of Edwardsville is the leading independent, locally-owned financial institution in Madison County with 11 centers in Edwardsville, Alton, Bethalto, Collinsville, Granite City, Highland, Pontoon Beach and Troy; it has assets exceeding \$639 million.



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Miller & Maack above-average Contractors for homes, remodeling

By Alene Hill
Correspondent

Miller & Maack General Contractors was formed in 1971 by Paul Miller, Leo Maack and their wives. The intent of their endeavor was to provide the Collinsville area with an above average general contracting firm to build new custom homes and undertake remodeling projects and commercial building.

All carpenters, laborers and other tradesmen were and are union craftsmen. Many of the carpenters began with the company as apprentices and are presently homeowners and family men in the Collinsville area.

In 1989, Paul Miller retired and sold his interest to Joe Hutton, an employee of the company. Joe, wife Barbara and their three children are residents of Edwardsville.

In 1995, Leo Maack retired from the active day-to-day business, but still retains his ownership. His son, Greg Maack, replaced him in the active duties of the company. Greg started with the company in 1974 and lives in Collinsville with his wife, Carol, and their two children.

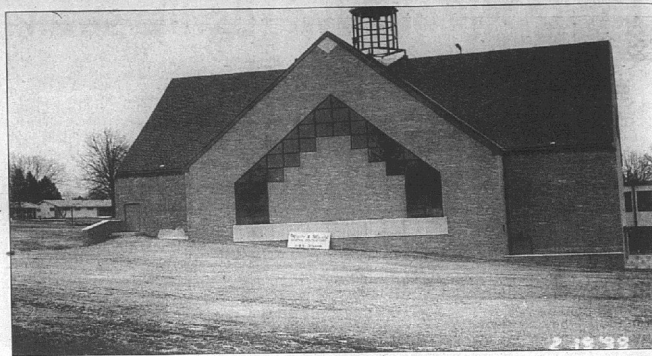
The office is efficiently staffed by office manager Sandy Darling, a resident of O'Fallon who started with the company in 1979, and secretary Melinda Engeling, a resident of Maryville. Melinda started with the company in 1996. Her husband, Gary, is also a carpenter foreman with the company.

Miller-Maack presently employs 10 full-time carpenters and two laborers.

Presently under construction is the new Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Collinsville, a major portion of the new Triad High School in Troy, several new houses and countless addition and remodeling projects both residential and commercial in the area.

Miller-Maack works with architects or designs directly with an owner. No job is too small to discuss or give an estimate of total cost.

Anyone interested in information can call the office at 344-2506, or can contact Joe Hutton at 656-4513 or Greg at 344-7274. The Miller-Maack team takes pride in having served this area since 1971. Its aim is to serve customers in a courteous, professional manner.



One of the fine projects built by Miller & Maack General Contractors.



New knees good knees

Liz Briggs of Granite City recently had knee replacement surgery at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Briggs had praise for the education provided by the staff and said she psyched herself up to get back on her feet quickly. She said she was driving her car again in less than a month.



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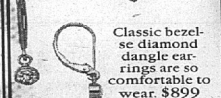
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P175/80R13	WS	049-255	\$2.80
P185/80R13	WS	049-271	\$3.80
P185/75R14	WS	049-298	\$4.40
P195/75R14	WS	049-301	\$5.60
P205/75R14	WS	049-352	\$7.60
P205/75R15	WS	049-387	\$8.40
P215/75R15	WS	049-395	\$10.45
P225/75R15	WS	049-409	\$12.00
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P175/70R13	82S	BL	059-544	\$42.77
P185/70R13	85S	BL	059-552	\$44.38
P195/70R14	84S	BL	059-560	\$46.77
P185/70R14	87S	BL	059-579	\$47.31
P195/70R14	90S	BL	059-587	\$48.98
P205/70R14	93S	WS	059-605	\$56.63
P205/70R15	95S	WS	059-609	\$57.80
P215/70R15	97S	WS	059-617	\$57.23
P225/70R15	97S	WS	059-625	\$60.42
P235/70R15	100S	WS	059-633	\$63.30
P175/65R14	81S	BL	059-641	\$51.99
P185/65R14	85S	BL	059-668	\$53.61
P195/65R14	88S	BL	059-676	\$54.16
P195/65R15	89S	BL	059-684	\$55.87
P205/65R15	92S	BL	059-692	\$58.16
P215/65R15	95S	BL	059-706	\$59.28
P215/60R16	94S	BL	059-714	\$64.84
P225/60R16	97S	BL	059-722	\$71.27
P205/55R16	89S	BL	059-730	\$76.99

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TIRE SIZE	LOAD INDEX	SW STYLE	ARTICLE NUMBER	BASE PRICE
P155/80R13	79S	WS	049-468	\$33.50
P165/80R13	90S	WS	049-606	\$37.95
P185/75R14	89S	WS	049-603	\$8.65
P195/75R14	92S	WS	049-689	\$10.00
P205/75R14	95S	WS	049-700	\$12.20
P205/75R15	97S	WS	050-121	\$13.10
P215/75R15	100S	WS	050-148	\$15.50
P225/75R15	102S	WS	050-156	\$17.10
P235/75R15	105S	WS	050-164	\$19.35
P175/70R13	82S	BL	049-573	\$35.85
P185/70R13	85S	BL	049-581	\$37.20
P195/70R14	87S	BL	049-632	\$39.65
P195/70R14	90S	BL	049-683	\$41.05
P205/70R14	93S	WS	049-691	\$45.85
P215/70R14	96S	WS	051-500	\$48.30
P205/70R15	95S	WS	050-172	\$46.95
P215/70R15	97S	WS	050-229	\$49.35
P175/65R14	81S	BL	073-652	\$41.34
P185/65R14	85S	BL	073-660	\$42.63
P205/65R15	92S	BL	073-806	\$46.24

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TIRE SIZE	LOAD INDEX	SW STYLE	ARTICLE NUMBER	BASE PRICE
P155/80R13	82S	BL	050-865	\$42.40
P175/70R14	87S	RWL	050-873	\$48.90
P195/70R14	90S	RWL	050-881	\$51.05
P205/70R14	93S	RWL	050-903	\$54.00
P215/70R14	96S	RWL	050-911	\$56.00
P215/70R15	97S	RWL	050-938	\$58.65
P225/70R15	100S	RWL	050-946	\$59.95
P235/70R15	102S	RWL	050-954	\$60.75
P255/70R15	108S	RWL	050-962	\$66.30
P215/65R15	95S	RWL	050-970	\$61.85
P185/60R14	82S	BL	050-997	\$47.95
P195/60R14	85S	BL	051-012	\$49.40
P215/60R14	91S	RWL	051-020	\$57.35
P235/60R14	96S	RWL	051-055	\$61.20
P195/60R15	87S	BL	051-098	\$51.40
P205/60R15	90S	BL	051-128	\$52.95
P235/60R15	98S	RWL	051-136	\$63.65
P255/60R15	102S	RWL	051-144	\$66.75
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Four Flags, the only General Motor dealer in the Glen Carbon/Edwardsville area, offers auto and truck leasing and car rental.

Four Flags long-time GM dealer

By Alene Hill
Correspondent

Richard Tallierico, an Edwardsville native, "grew up in the (automobile) business."

After graduating from college, he decided to join his father, Rich, who has nearly 40 years of experience in the business and is owner of Four Flags Motors Inc., located on Illinois 159 in Edwardsville.

That was 23 years ago and today he is at the helm of the dealership which offers Pontiac, Buick, Oldsmobile, and GMC cars and trucks, as

well as a large inventory of pre-owned cars. Tallierico said that keeping up with a constantly changing market as car manufacturers evolve "is a challenge."

"You're constantly updating and looking for changes," he said. "And 2000 will be a benchmark in the industry."

That, coupled with reorganization at General Motors, may keep dealers busy, but it will mean more selection for consumers, he said.

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Ty-Cour — Experience at work

For Bob Crews, manager of Ty-Cour Enterprises, Kitchen and Bath Studio Outlet, twenty years in the plumbing and electrical wholesale supply businesses taught him more than a thing or two.

Ty-Cour, owned by Crews' wife, Denise, offers quality remodeling products, for both the homeowner and the contractor. Their products include those for kitchen and bathroom remodeling.

"With rough measurements, we can draw it up, tell you how it will look," Crews said. While Ty-Cour doesn't do installations or remodeling themselves, they are quick to offer helpful advice when needed.

"We've done this for a long time. We've seen the good,

we've seen the bad. We know what's going on with these products," Crews said.

For someone needing professional assistance with a job, or a professional needing an installation entirely, Ty-Cour offers its customers referrals to trusted professionals, including plumbers, electricians, carpenters, bathroom remodeling workers, and workers to hang cabinets.

In order to better choose the appropriate materials for a remodel, Crews advises customers to come into the warehouse and browse.

"We have a huge selection. Right now, we have over one hundred vanities displayed. You can touch the stuff, try it. We'll help you with whatever you're looking for."

Ty-Cour sees a significant amount of repeat business, due to a combination of its price, service, and quality merchandise, says Crews.

"We don't pull any punches. We tell them if a product is good or not. We have everything sorted in good, better, best pricing."

Much of the advice he does offer is based on lessons learned over the years. "We have been very successful, with learning from our past experiences." Ty-Cour is located at 730 Madison Avenue, in Madison, Illinois. Their hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Customers can also call for appointments. For more information, call 878-2550.

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050-164	49.35

049-573	35.85
049-681	37.20
049-692	39.65
049-683	41.05
049-891	45.85
051-500	48.30
050-172	46.95
050-229	49.95

073-652	41.34
073-680	42.63
073-806	46.24

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ARTICLE NUMBER	BASE PRICE
050-865	\$42.40
050-873	48.90
050-881	51.05
050-903	54.00
050-911	56.00
050-936	58.65
050-946	58.95
050-954	60.75
050-962	66.30

050-970	61.85
050-997	47.95
051-012	49.40
051-020	57.35
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At the family-owned Midwest Carpet, customer satisfaction is the governing philosophy.

Midwest Carpet has satisfaction as goal

At the family-owned Midwest Carpet, customer satisfaction is the governing philosophy. Midwest Carpet, located at 1828 Vaughn Road, in Wood River, has been serving Illinois residents for over 40 years.

Midwest Carpet is a complete floor-covering retailer, offering a large selection of carpet, laminate, hardwood, and ceramic tile floors.

Their name brands include carpet manufacturers Mohawk, Galaxy, Aladdin, and Gulistan. The complete line of hardwood floors are offered from Hartco. They do both residential and commercial work, says Greg Bunten, manager of Midwest Carpet, whose father started the business. Currently, Midwest is offering its semi-annual Half Price Sale, which is one of their biggest promotions of the year.

"With the winter market, all manufacturers sell their close-outs," says Bunten. "This is the best time of year to save the most on flooring, especially carpets."

Items on sale during this promotion are all up to 50 percent off the regular price, with about 75 percent of Midwest Carpet's sale-priced products at half-price.

Vinyl floors are also on sale, with 10 different Congoleum patterns at a 50

percent discount. For customers not wishing to leave home to shop, there is a shop-at-homeservice, along with a free estimate, offered by Midwest, by calling 259-0660.

One of Midwest's strongest selling points is the service they offer after the sale.

Much of Midwest Carpet's business comes in the form of repeat and referred customers, says Bunten.

"But, those dealers are here today, gone tomorrow."

Follow-up service from Midwest, includes a packet of brochures, instructing customers on the appropriate ways to care for the carpet, as well as a sample of a "serious" spot cleaner.

If customers have a problem, rather than dealing with the hassle of calling the warranty number, they are encouraged to call Midwest directly.

"We'll take care of it for them. They don't have to fight me tooth and nail, for me to fix the problem, or replace the carpet."

Bunten acknowledges he was brought up with customer service being number one.

"My dad always said, 'Make sure you take care of these people.'"

Your customers are your lifeblood. You have to take of them, their friends, and their family.

Wood River Ford grows

When Wood River Ford, located at 111 Vaughn Road, first opened its doors in June of 1990, there wasn't much to look at.

"We basically had no inventory at the time," said owner Willie Forte. "We started from scratch."

Today, however, the dealership has 140 new cars, well as 90 used vehicles, spread out over five acres. The operation has always grown to 40 employees.

Forte said that there are a few simple reasons for the company's impressive growth.

"I think it is good service and honesty," Forte said. "You can't satisfy everyone, but you do the best you can. You gain customer confidence, and the best advertising is word of mouth."

Training is one of the keys to good service.

"All of our staff is well trained," Forte said, "from myself right down to the rest of the employees."

That training is vital in today's car market. Since the day's the doors first opened, the typical car buyer has changed radically.

"I think car buyers are more educated now," Forte said. "A lot of them shop on the Internet. When they come in now, they know what they want."

Forte said the company also offers "no pressure selling" and also the confidence provided by Wood River Ford's 11 certified service technicians.

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Verlo Mattress part of the nation's largest bedding manufacturer

Jim Flood's understandably proud

By Cathy Cohn
Correspondent

Jim Flood is understandably proud of his two Verlo Mattress Factory Stores. They are, after all, as he says, part of the largest franchised craftsman-direct bedding manufacturer in the nation.

"I feel we offer the best bed and the best price, plus we base our entire business on providing the best customer service," Flood said. Flood and his wife, Sarah, own two Verlo franchises in the Illinois area. One is in Collinsville at 2533 Vandalia, and the other is located in Fairview Heights at 1000 Lincoln Highway. There are five Verlo locations altogether in the Bi-state area including the two

the Floods own. The others are in St. Charles, Manchester and new this year, Florissant.

Mattresses are big business. According to the International Sleep Products Association, nationwide mattress shipments for 1997 were up \$29 billion dollars over the previous year, reaching a record high of over three billion dollars. To Verlo manufacturers, that's just dreamy. Each Verlo mattress is built and customized to provide the best in comfort, support, and durability, the Floods said. There are more than 15 models available to choose from, and all are backed by a 100 percent non-prorated written guarantee. A perk Verlo customers also receive is free local delivery and set up, as well as their choice of a free mattress pad, pillows, and

bed frame with select purchases. Two of Verlo's best sellers are the Excellence II and the Classic, Flood said. Verlo also sells futons, a smaller, flatter mattress that can serve as a convenient guest bed. The Verlo Mattress Factory Store began in 1968. Although the Collinsville franchise just began three years ago, owner Jim Flood has been with the company since he was very young, and was in fact trained by its founders. The Collinsville store is open Monday through Saturday from 9 to 5 and from 11 to 4 on Sundays. The Fairview Heights location is open Monday through Friday from 10 to 8, Sat from 9 to 5 and Sunday from 11-4. Both stores offer expert advice on bedding from its employees.



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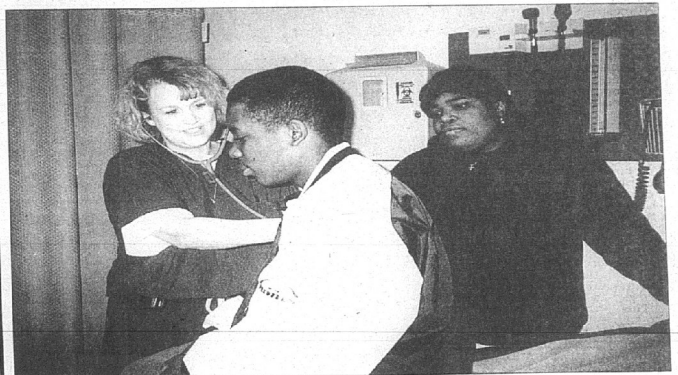
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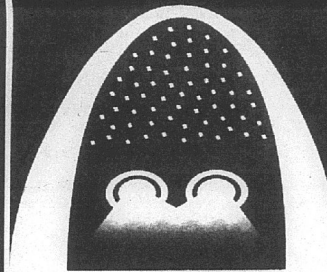
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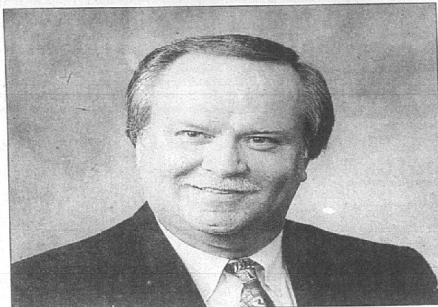
Dr. Larry Shipley is a chiropractor with a continuing mission. To offer effective treatment to his patients — whether they are children with scoliosis, or geriatrics with acute or chronic pain due to degenerative changes, and a wide range of maladies suffered by people of all ages in between.

Dr. Shipley treats headaches, back and neck pain that are the result of car accidents, sport injuries, work related injuries, or the everyday stresses of life.

"I first started 22 years ago with the youthful enthusiasm to help everyone suffering from spinal, arm or leg pain or headache," Dr. Shipley said in a recent press release to Suburban Journals.

"Today, I feel with 22 years experience, a continuing expansion and refinement of technological expertise along with a very dedicated staff, he said, "our treatment is continuing to be more effective and efficient."

Dr. Shipley, whose office is located at 2502 Pontoon Road in Granite City, provides same-day examinations and treatments. He also gives lectures to his fellow chiropractors, civic groups, and even his patients on a monthly basis. He enjoys educating chiropractors about



Dr. Larry Shipley ... a chiropractor with a mission.

the various aspects of examining and treating patients and operating a professional business and staff.

"The most rewarding," Dr. Shipley said "has been our successful treatment of patients who were told by other health care professionals that they would not get better."

Besides giving health lectures, Dr. Shipley has been active in many local and

national charities, church and school organizations and business groups. He also sponsors local sports teams.

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Leskera law practice helps the little guy

By Alene Hill
Staff writer

When Jay Leskera opened his law practice in Collinsville nearly three years ago, he was following a family tradition and blazing his own trail as well.

"I always admired my dad and how he was able to help people," he said about his father, Jack Leskera, who has a long-standing law practice in Collinsville.

Leskera was born and raised in Collinsville. He graduated from Collinsville High School

in 1981. He attended the University of Illinois and graduated in 1985 and earned his degree in law from Saint Louis University in 1988. He passed his Missouri Bar exam in 1988 and his Illinois Bar exam in 1989.

He began his practice at a St. Louis firm, where he worked for three years specializing in product liability involving Ford and Honda. He joined an Edwardsville firm in 1992 and focused his practice on railroad cases.

In April 1996, he opened his Collinsville office at 1516

Vandalia and specializes in all personal injury and accident cases.

"My dad and I enjoy the same profession," he said.

"But I represent the person injured and he represents the person sued. But I've tried to follow his footsteps and to do a good job and treat people fairly."

The advantages to practicing in his hometown, he said, is that he's not just "another shingle."

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Leadership Council makes major impact on St. Louis region

By Jim Grandone

Fifteen years ago, the Illinois portion of the St. Louis metropolitan area was suffering the fate of thousands of other heavy manufacturing communities throughout the country. Entire companies were simply disappearing, leaving behind them hulking factories and unemployment. Compounding the problem, regional cooperation between governments in the communities and counties was non-existent. Labor and management were pointing blaming fingers at each other for the region's woes.

That was the scene when a handful of individuals decided to do something to reverse the decline. Led by the president of the largest higher education institution, the group formed an organization made up of representatives from all of the contentious factions to get together and try to find some common ground.

Today, the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois, composed of members of business, labor, government and education, is watching as their once declining region is experiencing unprecedented development.

The council's members realized that they had two major challenges to face if they were ever going to see the region move forward and its potential realized. First, they had to instill a culture of cooperation, rather than competition. Second, they had to have the kind of transportation infrastructure needed to support growth.

The first committee formed by the council was the labor-management committee.

Organized in spring 1983, its purpose was to improve the labor-management image in Southwestern Illinois.

The committee works with the council to improve the economic development climate, retain or expand existing businesses, and help bring new businesses to the area. It is composed of 12 representatives from labor and 12 representatives from management.

One labor and one management representative serve as co-chairs. All committee decisions are made by consensus. In addition to its purpose, objectives of the committee include: increasing the use of worksite labor-management committees in the region; promoting awareness of labor-management cooperation, and strengthening the link between labor, industry, education and the community.

Most importantly, they talk about the successes and challenges they experience. Today, the council's labor management committee is one of the longest, continuously running labor-management committees in the State of Illinois.

Addressing their concern about infrastructure improvements, the Leadership Council identified critical projects the region needed to spur growth. The most important project was the completion of the St. Louis region's circumferential highway. The initial leg of that highway, I-270, had been completed and improved from south St. Louis county to north St. Louis county and for a few miles into Illinois.

I-270 had been a major catalyst in encouraging growth in the western suburbs of St. Louis County. Council members believed (correctly) that the same effect would happen adjacent to I-255 in Illinois. The need for the completion of that loop around St. Louis would require an effort that had not been seen before in Southwestern Illinois. It also would cement the membership of the Leadership Council and focus their energies on the most important transportation project since the interstate highway system had been built.

The council brought together a regional coalition of government, business, labor and education to establish I-255 as the top transportation priority for Southwestern Illinois. That message was carried forward to state and federal legislators who joined with the coalition to compete successfully for limited transportation dollars.

The completion of that circle around St. Louis would require the construction of 27 miles of interstate highway and the complete renovation of bridges crossing the Mississippi River at a cost of more than one-half billion dollars. Another opportunity presented itself in 1985, when former Gov. Jim Thompson launched "Build Illinois," an aggressive, statewide economic development program.

The administration identified the need for a second major commercial airport to serve the greater Southwestern Illinois region and St. Louis. Working with the Leadership Council and the county governments, a site adjacent to a major U.S. Air Force installation in St. Clair County was selected. The Leadership Council stepped forward as the first local sponsor for the construction of MidAmerica Airport. As part of the development of the project, the council launched a communications campaign that generated overwhelming public support for the project.

MidAmerica Airport, the nation's newest commercial aviation facility, opened in 1988. Having succeeded in getting I-255 built and funding for

MidAmerica Airport secured, it was time to market the region. The first target was business decision-makers in St. Louis City and county that were considering expansion or relocation. In 1980, the Illinois and Missouri sides of the region were divided physically and psychologically by the Mississippi River.

Missourians paid little attention to large tracts of available land across the river and continued to expand to the west. The Leadership Council board needed to know why.

That year, a St. Louis marketing firm that had an idea approached the council. Members of the firm's public relations division saw a business opportunity in the potential that Illinois had for growth. Led by an individual who lived in Illinois and worked in St. Louis, the firm's team suggested that the council begin an awareness campaign to raise awareness among business decision-makers in St. Louis city and county to spur growth in Illinois.

A series of meetings led to the conclusion that more information was needed before they could move forward. The council's board members were convinced that the region suffered from a rust belt image. They believed that St. Louis companies, looking to expand and stay in the area, would never consider Illinois.

In fact, the St. Louis area seemed to be on a continuous march west, leaving the urban center teetering on the eastern edge. In the course of developing a marketing strategy, the Leadership Council commissioned a formal survey of St. Louis business leaders to determine their perception of Southwestern Illinois. To their surprise and delight, the council learned that the region didn't have a negative image at all. In fact, it had no image. Native St. Louisans never considered it as part of the St. Louis region.

Armed with that knowledge, the council undertook a series of press conferences announcing the survey results and beginning a fund-raising effort to pay for a solid campaign. The survey

information showed that the council had a blank slate to create whatever image it wanted to have among decision-makers in St. Louis. Those decision makers, as well as most native St. Louis residents have historically divided St. Louis into four areas: the city, North County, West County, and South County.

After very little discussion, the East County campaign was born. By referring to the Illinois portion of the metropolitan area in terms that St. Louisans could relate to eventually resulted in acceptance of Illinois as a viable part of St. Louis.

The council raised sufficient funds to pay for a sophisticated public relations campaign, but at \$250,000, the advertising campaign was cut. For the next two years, the council continued to generate publicity about opportunities in Southwestern Illinois which generated a sense of excitement about the area's potential for growth.

At the same time, the council's executive director appeared on numerous talk shows generating awareness and creating the image of East County as the next big opportunity for growth. In 1995, the East County campaign took back seat to the biggest job retention effort in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

The Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission was threatening to close the region's largest employer, Scott Air Force Base, the Army Aviation Troop Command (ATCOM) and the Charles Melvin Price Support Center. Total potential losses facing the St. Louis region approached 14,000 people — more than 10,000 in Southwestern Illinois.

The council was approached by Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Ill., to spearhead an effort to keep the bases open. Once again, the council went into both fund-raising and public relations mode to retain the area's military facilities. It hired a Washington consulting firm and two retired Air Force generals, one each for Scott AFB and the Army's Price Center. The council's counterpart in St. Louis led the

charge to save ATCOM.

Raising concern among the public and raising the funds necessary to pay the expenses associated with such an enormous effort was difficult.

First, very few people believed that the BRAC Commission would close such a large and important base. Second, most people were not even aware of the commission's existence until the fight to save the bases began. The area had been spared from the first two rounds of BRAC and this third, and final round should be no different.

The problem was that the commission, as it already closed the easily identifiable bases and this next round was when the tough decisions had to be made. Scott AFB was ranked last on the list, according to BRAC criteria, which meant that it was the most vulnerable to closure. ATCOM was on the closure list and the Price Center was under the command of ATCOM.

The council solicited funds from the state of Illinois, both counties, municipalities and vendors doing business with the military bases. Those funds paid for a Washington office, as well as war rooms for Scott and the Price Center.

The council raised more than \$750,000 and was able to keep Scott off the list and reverse the commission's recommendation to close the Price Center. The Price Center was spared because the Army hadn't done an adequate job of evaluating the base. ATCOM, however, was closed, which orphaned the Price Center, making it and Scott vulnerable. Congress authorized another round of base closures. That isn't anticipated until 2001, at the earliest.

The \$750,000 investment made by the contributors to the council's effort that kept both bases open until 2001 resulted in a direct savings of more than \$7 billion in economic impact on the region.

The remarkable (some described it in the press as unlikely) success of the council's effort made it an overnight leader in the region. Media attention to the entire base closure process resulted in more interest in the region.

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Storeyland Mobile Homes enjoying time of growth and expansion

By Dan Ladd
Correspondent

The 1980s may not have been kind to Storeyland Mobile Homes, but so far, the '90s have been a blast.

The company, headquartered at 2085 Fosterburg Road in Alton, saw lean times in the last decade, but has spent this one in a period of rapid expansion.

"We are getting to the point where we have done the expansion we want to," said co-owner Mike Storey.

"The '90s have definitely been a growth period for us. The people who buy our homes have jobs that weren't available in the '80s."

Storey cites an unemployment rate in the area of 12-14 percent as a reason for the contraction the company

went through in the 1980s — the company was down to just its main location.

However, the economic boom in the 1990s has had the converse effect. Storeyland Mobile Homes now has four locations (Homer Adams Parkway at Illinois Route 3, Highway 141 in Cottage Hills, and Interstate 270 at Illinois 203, along with the Fosterburg location) and is just two months away from opening its fifth.

"We are the largest family-owned manufactured homes dealership in Illinois," Storey said.

The new location will be Interstate 55 at Illinois 4; it may be the jewel in the Storeyland crown.

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Mike Storey, co-owner
Storeyland Mobile Homes

to spent their energy climbing up and down stairs, the new location has been meticulously planned for years.

"For five years I have been driving up and down the interstate looking for a lot with good visibility and access," Storey said.

The company offers high quality manufactured homes from such top builders as Bellmont, Riverchase, Holly Park, Chantrelle, and Redman, with prices ranging from

\$20,000 to \$40,000 for a single-wide to \$36,000 to \$75,000 for a double-wide.

"We have been in the mobile home business for 30 years," Storey said.

"We have watched our competitors come and go. We do not sell the cheapest homes in the state. We sell the best buy in the state."

"We had a lot of competitors



After suffering through some lean times during the 1980s, Storeyland Mobile Homes has seen rapid expansion in the '90s.

who did sell the cheapest and they are all gone."

Top priority is attention to customers

At First Illinois Bank, the only bank in East St. Louis which maintains its headquarters within the city, the top priority is the personal attention given to customers.

"That's the goal to providing the very best customer service possible," says Gary Fisher, vice president of First Illinois Bank.

From this "hometown bank," customers receive a warm welcome and individual attention — and this is what sets them apart from other banks.

"All banks have the same product," notes Fisher. "It's all the same color. Ours is just as green as the guy's across the street."

"You can have all the fancy gadgets and computers you want, but that's not what's going to bring your customers back."

First Illinois Bank was originally chartered in 1885 as Illinois Bank. In 1905, the bank was re-chartered as First National Bank in East St. Louis. In 1934, the bank was reorganized as First National Bank at East St. Louis. Then,



Providing great service is the goal of the staff.

In 1978, the bank became the First Illinois Bank.

In 1997, the institution became the first Illinois chartered bank in Missouri, with the acquisition of Lindell Bank & Trust Company. First Illinois Bank received a Community Reinvestment Act rating of "outstanding" from the Federal Reserve Bank, in 1997.

First Illinois Bank is the first bank in East St. Louis to offer a 24-hour drive-thru ATM.

First Illinois Bank's community involvement includes: the Southwestern Illinois Leadership Council, the East St. Louis Area Development

Committee, Target 2000, Metro East Lenders Group, Small Business Development Center, Junior Achievement, East St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, East St. Louis Fire and Police Departments, NAACP and East St. Louis School District 189.

The bank's goals for the future include increasing small business lending, expanding market share outside the East St. Louis area, expanding banking convenience in East St. Louis through ATMs, and working with area developers and government agencies to promote home ownership and new home construction.

Guardian Savings marks 80th year

Marking its 80th anniversary during 1999, Granite City-based Guardian Savings Bank enters the new year positioned as the community's only home-owned and -operated bank. Guardian president James R. Seiz noted that, "Although we are a true community bank, we offer the full array of accounts and financial services to the citizens of the Granite City area."

Seiz reported the bank enjoyed tremendous success in 1998, with a strong capital base equalling nearly all 14 percent of assets. During 1998, the bank's assets grew 5.7 percent while deposits increase more than 6 percent and loans were up 11.5 percent.

"As we pause to reflect on the growth and prosperity of our community, we are reminded that our own success is only a reflection of the solutions we provide our customers. When our customers are financially successful, we are too," Seiz said.

Seiz said the bank installed an ATM at its Nameoki Road

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James R. Seiz
Guardian Savings Bank

location, where full-service banking is also available. Drive-in hours were extended to provide greater convenience for bank customers and, as Seiz emphasized, "We are continually exploring new opportunities for expanded service and products to meet our customers' comprehensive financial needs."

Traditionally, Guardian Savings Bank has been a mortgage resource for area families. While mortgage lending remains an important

part of the Guardian product offerings, Seiz said the bank's increase in total loans indicated a greater awareness of the bank's full-service capabilities.

"From Home Equity lines of credit to auto and home loans, Guardian Savings Bank is tailoring the right solutions for our customers," Seiz said. "Additionally, we can certainly meet the daily money management requirements of our customers with checking, savings, IRAs and more."

Rain Tunnel Express washes cars in environmentally safe manner

Since May 1996, Rain Tunnel Express has been washing Granite City residents' cars. The car wash is an environmentally responsible, soft-cloth car wash.

Rain Tunnel Express offers quick service to their customers. "They are in and out in a matter of minutes," says owner Scott Knight. "It doesn't take 20 or 30 minutes, like many car washes."

Rain Tunnel Express uses "pure H₂O," says Knight. The water gives cars a spot-free rinse. All chemicals used by Rain Tunnel Express are bio-degradable.

Rain Tunnel Express contributes heavily to community charities, says Knight, including Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, St. Elizabeth Hospital, numerous church groups and local police and fire departments. They also sponsor high school athletic

teams as well as two community girls' softball teams, two community boys' baseball teams and one soccer team.

Employees of Rain Tunnel Express are all local high school and college-aged workers, says Knight.

Many of Rain Tunnel Express's customers are repeat business. "The majority come in once a week, but some come in twice a week, while others come in once every two weeks," Knight said.

Rain Tunnel Express cares about their customers' satisfaction. "We will rewash the car until we get it perfect," Knight said.

Car wash prices are beyond competitive, at \$3.95, \$5.00, and \$6.50. "This is about one-third of what the competition's prices are," says Knight.

Special discounts and

promotions are offered by Rain Tunnel Express. For example, on Valentine's Day, all red cars received a free car wash. On St. Patrick's Day, all green cars will receive a free car wash.

In addition, for repeat customers, Rain Tunnel Express offers a fleet discount program. Customers can buy discounted car washes in books of 10. The more car washes the person buys, the greater the discount he or she will receive.

Rain Tunnel Express's hours of business are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Hours of operation are extended in the summer months.

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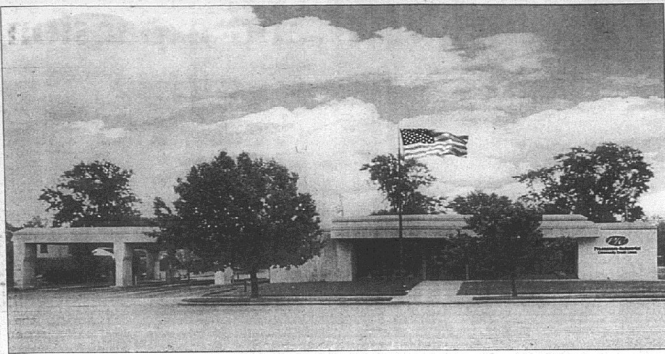
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The new Processors-Industrial Community Credit Union building at 2400 Madison Ave. in Granite City.

Processors Credit Union opens new office

Processors-Industrial Community Credit Union, 2400 Madison Ave., was chartered in 1938 and is the oldest credit union in the Granite City area. In 1938, the employees of Union Starch and Refining Company had a need for a savings and lending institution that formed the Grain Processors Credit Union. During the Depression, there were many loan sharks and high-cost lending agencies in the area, and the credit union was a safe alternative for the members to save and borrow. Until the company gave the credit union office space in 1962, the treasurer literally operated out of his pocket. Originally, PICCU's field of membership only included union members of the Grain

Processors Local. All employees of Union Starch and Refining Co. were soon included, along with family members living within the same household. The field of membership today includes all food, beverage, chemical and metal industries, the Granite City Board of Realtors, any person that lives or works in Granite City, Ponton Beach, Mitchell, Madison or Venice, and family of current members. Over the years, many other credit unions have merged with the original credit union.

The credit union motto is, "small enough to serve, large enough to care."
"Unlike the banks, the credit union charges little or no fees

for services, offers low-rate loans and pays the members higher dividends," said Tina M. Loyd, president and chief executive officer.

PICCU offers such products and services as savings, free checking, CDs, IRAs, new and used auto loans, VISA cards, certified checks and travelers checks, money orders, notary public services and a special account for kids called the Kirby Kangaroo Kids Club.

At the new location on Madison Avenue, the credit union has added drive-thru service and a drive-up (no fee) ATM. The credit union's goal for the near future is to add safe deposit boxes.



Shirley Valencia photo
From left, Brian Patterson, Lonzo Patterson, Kevin Patterson and George Keith of Patterson Brake. Not shown are Pat Patterson and John Spivey.

Service, honesty give Patterson Brake its top-notch reputation

At Patterson Brake, service and honesty are what make the business successful, says owner Lonzo Patterson. "I 100 percent believe that's what keeps people coming back," he says.

Patterson Brake, which is located at 3718 Highway 111, receives a significant amount of repeat and referral business because its customers are so satisfied.

"We work on a flat-rate schedule. Our price won't vary from that. Of course, most of the reputable shops do it that way," says Patterson.

Patterson has owned the business, which was formerly named P&S Tire Company, for many years. His sons became active in the business, as part-owners, in 1988. They changed the company's name to Patterson Brake in 1993. At Patterson Brake, their automotive work runs the

gamut, including the following services: Engines, engine repair, transmission repair, axles, shocks, struts, and bearings. "Whatever your car needs, we can do," Patterson says.

Patterson Brake also deals with commercial and industrial tires and work on contractor-trailers. They have a full line of passenger tires, says Patterson, including Polaris (by Bridgestone/Firestone), Bridgestone/Firestone and Michelin.

Patterson's inexpensive oil and filter changes are what initially draws many customers to the facility, says Patterson. Currently, two oil-change specials are being offered: Either \$12.95 for one oil change or an oil change/filter/card for \$35, which is good for four oil changes. "That's been our No. 1 draw," Patterson says.

"People come in to get those, and hopefully, they come back when they need something else."

"If the customer comes in for something else, after being in the first time, then they were satisfied with their service on that first visit," says Patterson.

Patterson, who co-owns the business, along with his sons, doesn't believe in tricky pricing gimmicks, which is why he's kept the oil change prices low from the beginning and continues to keep them at an inexpensive price. "Offering those prices on oil changes is what got us here, so there's no sense in stopping it," Patterson said.

Adding to the quality of the service is the fact that Patterson stands behind its work. "If something goes wrong, we'll take care of it. No questions," says Patterson.

JM Motors oldest used-car lot in Granite City

JM Motors, 2310 Nameoki Road in Granite City, sells all makes and models of pre-owned vehicles. Established in 1970 by Jerry

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Record returns increase Old Newsboys Day allocations

Volunteers help hundreds of children's charities benefit from annual fund drive

The returns are in and they show that 1998 was a record year for collections on Old Newsboys Day. Thousands of volunteers staff hundreds of intersections to sell a special edition of the Suburban Journals.

In the end, \$333,000 was collected for children's charities. The success of the annual Old Newsboys Day fund drive was due to the volunteers on the street corners, and the extra efforts of Old Newsboys Day chairman Karen Carroll, Old Newsboys Day board president Ted Wetterau and honorary chairman Jack Buck.

In addition, a variety of St. Louis corporations were directly responsible for making 1998 a record year, including Anheuser-Busch, Emerson Electric, NationsBank, Mercantile Bank, Edward Jones. Major supporters of Old Newsboys Day also included A.G. Edwards, Monsanto, McDonald's, Maritz, Southwestern Bell, General American Life, Wehrenberg Theatres and Laclede Gas.

The following organizations received allocations from the Old Newsboys Day fund:

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Call for Help Inc.
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Catholic Services For Children & Youth
Central Baptist Children's Home/Family Services
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Central Catholic St. Nicholas School
Central Institute for the Deaf
Cerebral Palsy of Southwestern Illinois
Children's Center for Behavioral Development
Children's Home & Aid Soc. of Illinois
The Children's Home Society of Missouri
Christian Family Services
Circle of Concern
Coalition Empowering Families
Comprehensive Mental Health Center of St. Clair
Comtree Inc.
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Department of Special Education Archdiocese
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Downtown Children's Center
Edgewood Children's Center
Faith Lutheran Preschool
Family Support Network
Father Dunne's Newsboy's Home
Father Tolton Catholic Community Services
Feed My People
FISH of St. Charles County
Foster Care Coalition of Greater St. Louis
Franciscan Connection
Friends House
Giant Steps of St. Louis
Girls Inc. of St. Louis
Good Samaritan House of Greater St. Louis
Good Samaritan Service Center for the Homeless
Good Shepherd Lutheran Day Care
Good Shepherd School for Children
Grace Church Preschool
Grace Hill Children's Center
Grace Hill Neighborhood Services Community Care
Grace Hill Bird Inc.
Services Front Porch
Greater St. Louis Crisis Pregnancy Center
GSL Development Center
Guardian Angel Settlement Association

Herbert Hoover Boys & Girls Club
Hilltop Daycare Center
Hope Lutheran Preschool
Howard Park Early Intervention Center
Hoytson Youth & Family Serv.
Illinois Center for Autism
Intercommunity Housing Association
International Institute of Metro St. Louis
Jamestown New Horizons
Jefferson County Association For Retarded Citizens
Jefferson County Catholic Community Services
Jewish Community Center
Early Childhood
Joint Community Ministries
Kids in The Middle
Kinder Preschool of Christ UCC
Kingdom House
Kirk Care Inc.
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Lift for Life Gym
Lighthouse Community Outreach Center
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Lutheran Child & Family Serv. of Illinois
Lutheran Family & Children's Services of Missouri
Manassah Ministry
Maplewood Mystery Santa
Marian Hall Emergency Shelter
Marygrove Inc.
Mended Hearts Gateway Chapter 129
Mid County YMCA
Midtown Catholic Comm. Serv.
Miriam School
Most Holy Trinity School
Neighborhood Preschool
New Horizon Center
North County Neighbors Inc.
Nursery Foundation
Nurses for Newborns
Foundation
Olive Branch
Operation Food Search
Operation Safe Street Team
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Patch Day Care Center
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Tri County Birthright
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A variety of charitable organizations were participants in an event called Westfield Works Wonders as part of the Suburban Journals' Old Newsboys Day event. Several Westfield malls, including Mid Rivers Mall, Northwest Plaza, West County Center, Crestwood Plaza and South County Center, held a special fundraising event on the Sunday preceding Old Newsboys Day. The following charitable groups received funding from the Old Newsboys Day Fund as a result of their participation in Westfield Works Wonders.
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Shadow is a cuddly 10-month-old shepherd/collie mix who is the first Granite City APA Pet of the Week. He is available for adoption at the APA Shelter. For more information, call 931-7030.

By Susanne Fogle

I find myself walking through the Association for the Protection of Animals shelter for the first time and I see them everywhere — kittens and puppies, cats and dogs — their questioning eyes peering at time form the every nook and cranny.

The dogs mostly just look desperate, like a child begging an overwhelmed parent.

"Please, please, oh please, pretty please," they say, "will you read 'Green Eggs and Ham' one more time?"

They wiggle and bark and yawn with their eyes for someone, anyone, to want them.

The cats, on the other hand are more contemplative. They stare at me lazily. It's as if they've all decided there's nothing to do but wait anyway, so why make a big fuss?

Although the staff do their best to give the animals a decent life, living here is not the same as a real home. The

animals know it. We know it. As I turn a corner, one dog in particular catches my eye. She certainly isn't much to look at. She has a short, dull brown coat and her face is scarred in several places.

Yet the sweetness in her eyes is unmistakable and as I smile down at her, she raises her paw and gently places it against the wire gate.

My mind flashes back to a time several years ago, when I watched a panhandler reach out to an impeccably dressed man in much the same way.

"Hey pal, can you spare a buck?"

The man didn't really refuse the panhandler, he simply did not acknowledge him at all. His stride and speed seemed to increase in direct proportion to his ever-decreasing ability to hear, and he continued on his way without so much without so much as a sideways glance.

I remember wondering how many times that tattered old guy would have to reach out to

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strangers before he got enough money for a decent meal.

And now here I am, about to have a lot more in common with him than I ever thought I would.

I'm going to start panhandling myself, with a lot more mouths to feed than my own.

Our no-kill, non-profit animal shelter is currently caring for close to 150 dogs and cats. A staff of dedicated volunteers tends to their daily needs and continuously attempts to find them homes.

I will be presenting these stories to you on a weekly basis. In the meantime, I'll be on the lookout for ways to help keep those hungry tummies

full. "Hey pal, can you spare a buck?"

Which brings us to our first Pet of the Week, Shadow. He's a 10-month-old shepherd/collie mix who has been neutered. He would be perfect for a family with kids to play with and a big, fenced-in yard to play in.

To adopt Shadow or ask about other dogs or cats at the shelter, please contact the APA at 931-7030.

Susanne Fogle is community relations/outreach coordinator for the Granite City APA.

GC Park District sponsoring Bransonfest trip

Trip features Shoji Tabuchi show, shopping, sightseeing, other events

The Granite City Park District will sponsor its first overnight trip of the year to Branson, Mo., the weekend of March 26, 27 and 28.

The trip is now on sale at the Wilson Park Office. The trip will be part of the Bransonfest celebration, which is the biggest spring event in Branson.

The group will stay at the Traveler's Inn along Highway 76. The shows scheduled to be seen while in Branson are the very popular Shoji Tabuchi show, with its countless costume changes, lavish special effects and production numbers; the Boxcar Willie country music show, featuring a man described as the world's favorite hobo; and the Bransonfest Extravaganza show, which features The

American Kids, who range from 4-year-olds to teen-agers and perform in a fast-paced production.

Also scheduled are shows featuring Jim Stafford, The Presley Family entertainers, The Lennon Sisters, The Lennon Daughters, The Lennon Brothers, JoAnn Castle, Jack Imel, Ava Barber and possibly others.

Two breakfasts and two dinners are included in the package, with one meal at Pazz, a restaurant which features a full-course prime rib dinner, and the other a pig roast at Compton Ridge.

Other stops to be made during the weekend include browsing and lunch at the Bass Pro Shop in Springfield, Mo., on the way to Branson; the Mountain Man Fruit and

Nut store; Russell Stover candy outlet store for Easter candy; VP Mall in Lebanon, Mo.; the St. James Winery; and outlet shopping in Branson.

The cost of the trip is \$289 for a single room, \$246 per person for a double room, \$240 each for a triple and \$238 per person for four in a room.

All fees must be paid at the time of registration. Non-residents will be placed on a waiting list and be notified of availability one week after the first day of sign-ups.

Proof of residence must be presented for each person, unless a husband and wife are registering together.

The next Park District overnight trip is scheduled the

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